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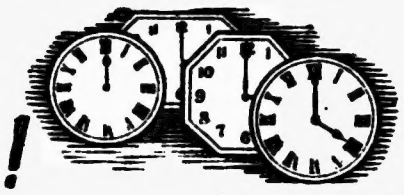

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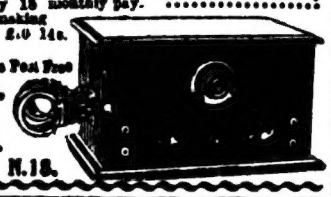

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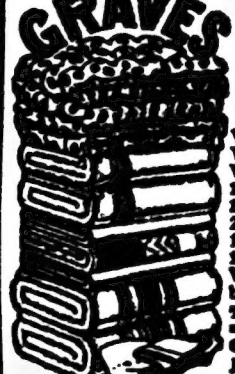

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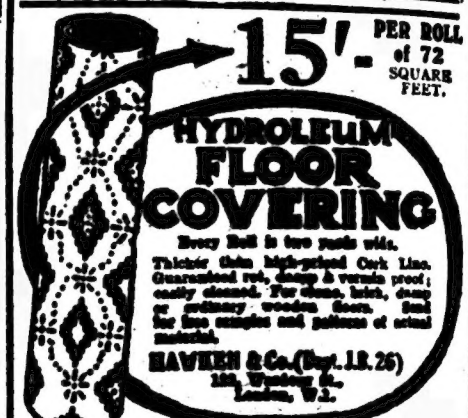

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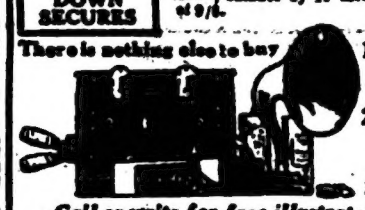

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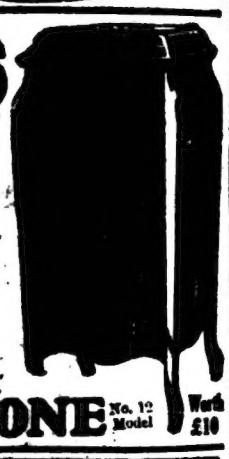

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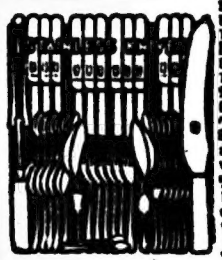

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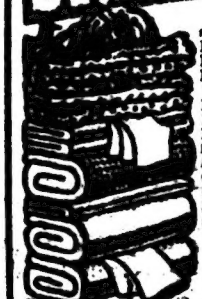

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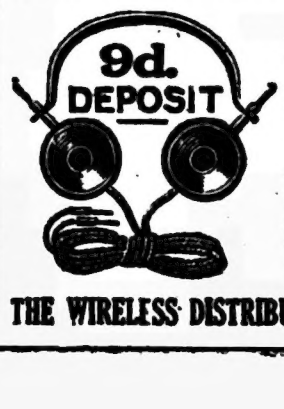

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At Chepstow, Catterick and Woolwich the War Office teaches ten trades to boys, feeding, housing and clothing them, and paying pocket-money the while. When the same plan is followed with all youths we'll soon have a better world.

That's the Ticket.

That failures of the past be treated as stepping-stones to a better future is the *Daily Herald's* recommendation to its trade unionist friends. As a piece of sage advice it can't be bettered. All's to be lost, but nothing gained, by squabbles and recriminations.

On the Rails.

The railways are getting a move on. The L.M.S. will have 473 new locomotives this year, the Southern forty-three, besides having on hand a £3,000,000 dock scheme at Southampton. It's fine news.

Simple Justice.

That women, no less than men, are responsible for war is recognised by France, who is placing French women on the same footing should war occur. Equally, in every country, women can help to prevent war, when they will to do so.

Fleetness at Fleetwood.

That sunlight, even of the artificial sort, is good for hens, is proved at Fleetwood, where scores of eggs are being counted by experimenters. It's also good for children, but because the profit isn't immediately negotiable few people realise it.

Hush-hush Policy.

The Board of Education is arranging short courses for teachers of mental defectives. If it took the still shorter course of promoting youthful knowledge of sex hygiene there'd be fewer born. But common sense seldom gets first innings.

100 "BULLETS" GIFTS! THE choice of many splendid Gifts is yours for a good "Bullet"! See this week's £250 offer on page 39.

The Case in Point.

People who can see no connecting link between the subject of birth control and poverty should attend police courts. At East Ham, Frederick Bennett, aged eighteen, was bound over on a charge of theft. *He is one of a family of twenty children.*

The Opportunity.

Cement is wanted for building, roadwork, improvements and repairs. That's why cement shares just now are popular. The greater the need the bigger the profit, and—the consumer pays.

The Can-can.

The Government that preaches doesn't always practise. Disappointing Australia, the War Office is obtaining this year's supply of one million and a half 12 oz. tins of corned beef from America. A comic commentary on "Buy British."

Not Clocking On.

At Horncastle the public clock, having baffled the efforts of professionals, was set right by the local pork butcher. Asked to set up as a watchmaker, he replied that "butchering pays best." H'm, H'm—and meat is still very dear, isn't it?

The Spur.

If the Ministry of Transport needs a whip for inactivity, here it is. Motor vehicles on British roads at the end of last year numbered a million. This year there'll be 250,000 more.

Turn About.

Official salaries that rose in a few years from £1,000 to £3,000 are quoted by postal servants out for justice. It's only when the small man wants a rise that the taxpayer's pocket is tenderly considered.

Good for the Kiddies.

That the wealth of a nation rests in its children is clearly recognised by Hull. The Parks Committee is spending £1,000 on equipping more open spaces with facilities for play. It's money well invested.

Hens and Eggs.

Bethnal Green backyard "farmers" are doing wonders with poultry, in some cases keeping the family well shod with egg money. Their experience should knock a few nails in the coffin of the policy that keeps land locked up.

Progress.

Walsall is scrapping its four-mile-long tram track to Walsall Wood and inaugurating a 'bus service instead. There are quite a few other districts where the same plan might be followed. Both lives and pockets would benefit!

Punishment Fits the Crime.

Gladys Emily Downes, a Coventry girl, dance mad, was charged with theft and ordered by Coventry magistrates to do no more dancing for twelve months. Dock their pleasures, but don't make jail-birds of 'em is a wise rule.

Cups that Poison.

A. G. Derby, of Rennie Street, Salford, sold tea containing 12 per cent. dust, chalk, sand and iron filings, and has been fined £5. If £5 a-piece had been added for each unfortunate customer who took the filthy stuff, it wouldn't have been too much.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

"Never Too Old——"

We congratulate the Lewisham Guardians on their sound sense in rejecting a motion that men in the forties are too old to be sent to Hollesley Bay to learn farming. We seem to remember that once they were not considered too old to learn soldiering.

Pound Foolish.

In our last issue we scoffed at the idea that Post Office profits were insufficient to justify the payment of fair wages. The balance-sheets to hand show a surplus of £7,416,266—the largest ever realised except that for 1919. In face of these figures it is folly to argue for parsimony.

The Dog that Died.

The gallantry of a little wire-haired fox-terrier saved the lives of a whole family at Walton, Liverpool, when it refused to be silenced and insisted on barking when their house caught fire. Later the poor little fellow's charred body was found by his burnt leash. Such four-footed devotion is wonderful and a persistent rebuke to all cruelty.

A Useful Example.

Dirty milk and consumption go hand in hand. The example of the Bingley Urban Council which has instituted under the clean milk campaign a series of illustrated lectures to farmers and milk purveyors, to be given in each village of the district, is to be highly commended and is one which other urban councils and authorities might follow.

A Humane Move.

The Ministry of Health, in announcing that pensions for widows and allowances for their children will now be paid on behalf of those who happened to be born before their parents contracted a legitimate marriage, is moving with the spirit of the time. The day is happily going when it is deemed righteous to punish a child for the sins of its parents.

Handsome Is As Handsome Does.

Dr. Gillies, specialist in skin-grafting at St. James's Hospital, Balham, has performed a miracle in making a handsome man of a Wandsworth patient, a war victim. This poor fellow had nose, eyelid and part of a cheek blown away. His recovery is wonderful. But what a call to humanity to do away with war! Even in this day of miracles prevention is still better than cure.

A Brick for Sympathy.

Some of the wealthy people in Kensington are not content with mere pious expressions of sympathy for the poor. They have started a building scheme to erect new homes and renovate dilapidated ones to remove a reproach to the royal borough. The Kensington Housing Association, as they call themselves, puts bricks before words and is out to provide roofs for homeless heads.

Less Money, More Hours.

When an effort was made to increase the minimum wage for farm labourers from 30s. to 34s., the representatives of the farmers on the Cambridgeshire Agricultural Wages Board retaliated by demanding a reduction of 3s. and also an increase in the working hours. The countryside will continue to seethe with discontent just so long as employers continue to remain such selfish skinflints.

Wrong Proportion.

The Housing Committee of the London County Council reports that the shortage in London of houses during 1926 is estimated at 62,000, of which workers' dwellings form the majority. How can we expect crime to be lessened and fires to take a fewer toll of victims if families are still to be crowded together into too few rooms? It is to be hoped that at least three-quarters of the new houses to be built this year will be of the working-class type instead of the rather less than one-half which formed the proportion of last year's total.

A Soldier's Reward.

Henry William Dussold, of Bride Street, Barnsbury, with thirty-two wounds and no pension, was brought up at Marylebone on a charge of begging. Kindhearted people have sent £12, and an effort is being made to find work for the man, and work is what he wants. When there isn't a war on, the country has no room for the fighting man!

Long Odds.

One of Blackburn's homeless men was compelled by circumstances to live in a part of a scrap-iron works. When he was summoned, a magistrate asked what was the man's chance of getting a municipal house. "A thousand to one chance," replied the medical officer. That being the official view, why was the poor fellow's condition made worse by a 20s. fine?

Those Missing Babies.

There was another big slump in the birth-rate in 1926. We have no tears to shed. In the present state of society reckless breeding is worse than folly; it is a selfish, stupid crime. If we want an expanding population, two primary assurances must be forthcoming: security against poverty and security against war. Till then "ca'canny" in the family line is common-sense.

A Fine Asset.

Myra Schneider, aged six, who gave the alarm when she discovered that fire had broken out in a shed at her father's metal and rubber premises, and her sister Freda, aged twelve, who took a baby sister out of her cot and ran with her to a neighbour's house, are two resourceful and plucky children who deserve praise. The fact that he has two such daughters should help to reconcile Mr. Schneider to the loss of his £2,000, the estimated amount of damage done.

The Human Machine

Hang the Future!

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

EVERY man has in him the power to create something, even though he does not know it.

The fatal fallacy that most of us allow to rule our lives is imitation. We are far too content to follow where we should lead.

It is this sort of thing that makes a good salesman fail miserably when he decides to be a doctor, that makes a reasonably good doctor look silly when he tires of doctoring and decides to be a teacher.

Imitation frequently springs from envy—and envy not seldom has its roots in idleness.

Just because we see someone making a good living at some particular kind of work we think: "He's earning his money easily! Why shouldn't I have a go at that kind of work?"

In the first place, depend on it "he's" not making an easy living. No one ever did. No one ever got good money without working hard for it.

You may not see the difficulties and worries of the other man's job, but, believe me, they're there all right!

IN the second place, why try to imitate? Why not *create?* Why not do your own job in the best possible way and put all your brains and energy into evolving ways and means of making it a real, man-sized piece of work?

You could, you know! If you dispute it I shall simply retort that you're lazy, mentally and physically lazy!

Let me tell you something—we all worry far too much about the future.

If we only put our hearts and souls into getting every possible ounce of value out of the present, we should find in due course that the future had, somehow, taken care of itself.

Undesirable—but Unavoidable.

At an inquest held at Worcester on a baby, it was stated in evidence that the little one slept with the father and mother, and that two daughters, aged seven and five, slept at the foot of the bed. The coroner remarked that it was undesirable for children to sleep with their parents. But how is it to be prevented in these days of industrial stress and house shortage? Talk is cheap. We are waiting for somebody to do something.

A Fine Deserved.

For working their roundsmen more than forty-eight hours a week without paying them overtime, in accordance with the rate of wages fixed by the Milk Distributive Trade Board, William Holly and Sons, of Berrylands Farm, Surbiton, were fined £6, and a number of their roundsmen were allowed arrears of pay. Firms which continue to ignore regulations in this barefaced manner deserve to be dealt with even more severely.

Still at It!

J. Marsh, Ltd., 107, Jermyn Street, London, lent a Kendal garage attendant money. He signed a promissory-note for £25, received £15, and after he had paid £22 was sued for the balance owing. The interest charged reckoned up to 200 per cent. "Money-lenders are the road to ruin or the asylum," said Judge Cowan Taylor. His hope that "legislation will soon cut their nails" will be generally endorsed.

Worse and Worse.

A man temporarily employed as a scene-shifter at a London theatre, with wages of 23s. 8d. weekly, was asked 20s. a week for two rooms over a Tulse Hill garage, rat-infested and reeking of oil and petrol. Altogether there were twenty-two people on the premises, packed into eight small rooms, the landlord drawing a total rental of £3 12s. weekly. The housing scandal seems rather to grow than diminish as time goes on.

Straight from the Pit.

The Main Colliery Co., Ltd., of Bristol, is offering coal direct from pit to consumer at prices from 5s. to 10s. a ton below those charged by middlemen. The crux of the whole coal muddle lies in the fact that the producers get the kicks and the middlemen the ha'pence. If this colliery company succeeds—and it will have bitter opposition to fight—others may follow, to the benefit of everybody except the middlemen.

What a Father!

A poor little Glasgow girl, one Saturday night, borrowed a few coppers from a neighbour. When her father, Archibald Milligan Greenaway, heard of it he made her strip, laid her across a table, and with a leather strap thrashed her until her poor flesh was bruised and purple from her neck to her knees. He has been sent down for three months, endorsed, we hope, "very hard." Some brutes deserve to be denied the joys of fatherhood.

A Wicked Wage.

Farm labourers' standard wages in the district of Pwllheli are at the princely rate of 19s. 6d. a week, according to Mr. Griffith Evans. One, who is paid 2s. 6d. more, had a wife and five bairns to keep alive with the money. For three of his little ones he was unable to buy boots to protect their feet, and had to apply to the guardians. Welsh farmers must pay their labourers more. Families can't keep bodies and souls together on such miserably meagre incomes.

Dad and the Lad.

Remarkable filial affection has been shown at Derby by Frederick James Heap, who succeeded his father as secretary to a Friendly Society Investment Association. Discovering a deficiency of £1,000, he quickly recovered from the shock and silently set about retrieving the good name of his father. We like the magistrate who dismissed the case when the final small shortage was brought to court. Mr. Heap, junior, is a man to be trusted.

Industry's Disgrace.

For a firm such as Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth £10,000 a year is no trifling sum to lose through petty theft. Ralph Wilson, one of their employés, was sent to prison for three months for stealing a quantity of lead cable and seventy-three wax candles. It might be useful if he and others who practise like frauds would remember that the habit of "scrounging" carried on during the war without attracting unpleasant comment is now recognised as stealing and punishable by law.

Not Worthy of Miners.

Two miners, Percy Riley and John Buckley, of Boon Hill, Audley, evidently thought they could enjoy themselves by urging on a couple of dogs to fight with each other, which they proceeded to do outside a public-house in spite of the entreaties of those near by that the animals should be separated. They were seen by Police-Sergeant Billington and fined £1 each at Newcastle-under-Lyme County Court. The chairman, Colonel R. C. Clive, pointed out that the maximum penalty for the offence was £25. Why did he not impose it?

Hero and Heroine.

A fire that broke out in a house in Little Randolph Street, Camden Town, will long be remembered because of the pluck of a partially blind man, Mr. A. A. Meader, and the courage and presence of mind of thirteen-year-old Louisa Bradshaw. The former slipped through a skylight from which flames were shooting, yet scrambled back and conducted his wife and children over the roofs to safety. Little Louisa roused the other children, and shepherded them to where the firemen could get them. All honour to them both!

Not Wanted.

Just as we regard the appointment of female magistrates as a wise move, so do we regard policewomen as essential to the needs of the land. Hence we are surprised at Captain Mitchell-Innes, the Chief Constable of Boston, Lincolnshire, who says he wouldn't know what to do with a woman constable if he were given one. Are there no young women in Boston? We claim that any place which numbers young people amongst its population could make use of a policewoman, and to argue otherwise is mere prejudice.

Not Insane—Only Hungry.

When William Russell, twenty-one, walked into West Ham Police Station, he placed a bottle and a packet on the table, and then collapsed. He had attempted to take his life by drinking salts of lemon, and in his pocket a letter was found addressed to the coroner. "I am not temporarily insane, but homeless, workless, and loveless," it read. "Loneliness is like a grey ghost at the end of all things." That men should be driven to desperation by sheer misery and hunger is a terrible indictment of our vaunted civilisation.

Brains and Business.

The offer of £10,000 to establish a scholarship fund to aid young men who want to learn how to export Manchester goods shows that Mr. Herbert Whitworth is alive to the need of scientific salesmanship. A man who sells British goods for export is making things better for all of us at home. The days when foreign nations bought British goods because they were British have gone, and the commercial traveller who goes overseas needs all the brains he has in his head. The brighter they are the bigger the orders.

A Miner's Grit.

"For God's sake don't loose my foot or I'll drop" was the cry of John Thomas, a haulier, who was suspended for ten minutes, head downwards, over a shaft 1,300 ft. deep at Cymmer Colliery in the Rhondda Valley. He had been thrown forward out of the cage that was descending the pit and his foot caught in the iron gates. A man of sixty-five who has the presence of mind while hanging in this position to free himself of a jacket which contained a tin and a bottle to ease the weight of his body is of obvious use in the world. We are heartily glad that his pluck was rewarded by his being saved.

An Ingenious Rogue.

We warn tradesmen against an ingenious rogue who seeks advances on cheques supposed to be signed by the pension paymaster at Acton. The fellow is about forty years of age and has the skull and cross-bones tattooed on his right forearm, together with a crucifix, an angel and flowers.

Dangerous Quackery.

An East Coast reader has come into touch with a lady named Nancy Locknan, who has prescribed a line of treatment for a very serious ailment. The treatment apparently consists of a three months' course of a patent specific called "Viavi," for which £8 19s. is being asked. We certainly advise our reader to consult her own doctor and not listen to an unregistered practitioner.

A Charity Query.

Last Christmas a special charity scheme was organised by the Clapham and District Chamber of Commerce in aid of the Clapham Infant Welfare Centre. Thanks to a ready response from generous-hearted givers, the scheme realised £180. Now comes the surprising news that only £50 of this money has gone to the children, and people are asking what has become of the balance! The organisers will, no doubt, explain?

A Hero's Handicap.

Mr. Frederick Powell, D.C.M., is out of work and handicapped in his efforts to secure employment because his character was described as only "fair" on one of his discharge-sheets. The amazing fact is that, after subsequent service, Powell's character was assessed as "Very good," yet officials inform him that this "does not annul the previous character." It is preposterous that a holder of the D.C.M. should be penalised in this way.

A Disappearing Agency.

Several people have written to complain that they have been visited by a canvasser who has persuaded them to book up advertising space in a post office directory. The name of Messrs. J. M. Lee, advertising agents, Hove, Sussex, has been given, and people have paid their fees without suspicion. Nothing more has been heard, however, and letters are now being returned from Hove, marked "Gone away." This impudent hoax merits attention of the postal authorities.

An Impudent Suggestion.

John and John William Booth, bakers, of Holmfield Road, Blackpool, when prosecuted for falsely applying the Hovis trade mark, pleaded that their customers preferred Hovis bread with a certain amount of wholemeal in it. We rather fancy that it was the saving of money that weighed with them, and the court was evidently of a like opinion, since each defendant was fined £10. We are glad these tricksters were bowled out, and hope others will take warning.

Deserved More.

We agree with Mr. Tassell, who, in sentencing Victor Dumphreys, of Long Lane, Bermondsey, to one month in the second division for obtaining outdoor relief by means of a false statement, remarked that it was "a very inadequate sentence." It appears that for the past five years Dumphreys had drawn about £2 a week in out-relief at intervals and another £2 from the employment exchange. All this he did besides drawing pay as an Army reservist. Those who obtain so much money by false pretences, and largely from sources that exist for relieving genuine cases of poverty, should be compelled to work and use their earnings to pay back in kind.

SICKNESS.

48 CHEQUES OF £5 5s. EACH PAID TO REGISTERED READERS.

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Problems of Life

Why Do People Quarrel?

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

RECENTLY I had occasion to make use of a special large-print Bible for service in church, and the only one handy happened to be a copy of the Revised Version, which I did not want.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P.

But, recollecting that I had a suitable one at home, I sent for it and put it on the lectern, where it still is.

That simple action took me back nearly thirty years.

One Sunday in 1897 three London business men unexpectedly met in my church.

They were old friends, but had become estranged from one another owing to a dispute about some transaction in which all three were involved and which had turned out badly.

I did not know any of them at the time, but it appears that after the service one of them walked up to the others with outstretched hand. It was accepted; no explanations were asked or offered; all misunderstandings fled away and the old relations were resumed.

As a souvenir of the event they united in sending me the big Bible I used last Sunday.

I WISH all disputes could be settled in a similar spirit. I see that Mr. J. H. Thomas has succeeded in averting another railway crisis by appealing for a spirit of good will on both sides and a wiping of the slate.

Forget old scores and causes of friction, he said and join together to make good the damage inflicted by last year's stoppage.

Happily this wise counsel prevailed and was magnanimously acted upon by the party that legally was in the stronger position.

There are signs of other industries following suit. Given the right spirit no economic problem is beyond solution.

The same holds good of domestic strife.

Family quarrels are notoriously bitter, and more often than not they rage around petty personal possessions.

It is pitiful to see quite poor people falling out because one has succeeded in getting and keeping a little more of the meagre common stock of supplies than another or had contributed less towards meeting common obligations.

"She never sees me have a bit of anything but she must go one better."

"He can always afford to buy anything he wants, but I have to pinch and scrape to keep the old folk and he gives them next to nothing."

THESE are typical complaints; but sadder still are those which so often arise when a death takes place and an old home is broken up.

Bickering and squabble, hatred and spitefulness, are a sorry outcome of bereavement.

They are all the meaner and more unworthy when excited merely by the rivalry of covetousness. To descend to this level is to wrong one's own soul.

NOBLE CALLING DEGRADED

DOCTORS WHO DEAL IN DEVILRY

A Stain on Science

THERE is a famous picture in the Tate Gallery entitled "The Doctor." It depicts a physician, his face a mask of grief, watching a sick child for whom he can do no more.

Life and death are struggling in that little body for victory. Science has battled bravely on behalf of Life. It can do nothing further. Which will win eventually is known to God alone.

Science the healer—or Science the monster? Which is the true picture? Unhesitatingly we say the former: but there are doctors here and there who forget their high mission.

They are in all countries. *They are in this country.* Don't think a particularly brutal and useless experiment abroad does not concern you. It does.

An incredible experiment

Sooner or later it will be imitated here on the living bodies of British men, British women and British children.

Unless we, through Parliament, stop these horrors we shall deserve our reward of shame, for there are a number of men with first-class scientific training to whom the human body is nothing but a subject for endless experiments.

Dr. Takashi Hashimoto, of the Japanese University of Mukden, had twenty patients suffering from a frightful, but, thanks to Professor Ehrlich, a perfectly curable, disease if taken in time.

It seems incredible, but we have seen this Japanese doctor's own cold-blooded account of how he deliberately injected into the skins of those twenty unfortunates a fresh infection of the very disease for which they supposed themselves to be receiving proper treatment.

What was the object? To further the welfare of humanity? That may have been Hashimoto's idea. We say bluntly that if humanity is to be benefited in this way it had better remain in suffering.

Now comes the well-nigh incredible part of this shameful business. Having made bad worse, having pumped into his patients more of the disease that was already menacing their lives, this scientist stopped all treatment for four weeks!

Even little children!

The net result of this proceeding was that which any layman might have predicted: the patients became even more diseased than they were before.

All this misery in the name of "Science" to prove what an intelligent schoolboy could have predicted with confidence!

Recently Drs. R. G. Lacy, A. W. Sellards and O. Scholl, took four patients suffering from "yaws" and re-inoculated them with that dread tropical skin disease. It is a painful and disfiguring disease, very hard to cure.

The result for what it was worth was the development of great yaws on top of the first disease. What was the precise value of these experiments?

The shameful story of the German Professor Neisser, honoured by British science with the Cavendish Gold Medal, is sometimes believed to be unique in the annals of modern science.

This man inoculated eight healthy children with the foulest of all

An impression of the famous picture, "The Doctor"

diseases, and without the sanction of their parents.

But the odium which publicity brought upon this professor rightly belongs to a considerable number of other men guilty of similar malpractices.

Dr. H. Salter, of Leipzig, about eighteen months ago found himself exposed to the light of an unwanted publicity.

This man deliberately infected nine healthy little children with tuberculosis.

What was his object? The ordinary man recoils from the suggestion that there could conceivably have been an adequate one.

Barbaric and useless

Not long ago an American doctor, on the staff of Pennsylvania University, made holes in the head of a ten-months-old baby in order to insert a photographic cystoscope with which to take photographs of the unfortunate child's brain.

What after-effects this callous and wanton mutilation of a baby will have is not yet known. The scientific value of the proceeding is obvious. It is nil.

Take the experiments of Dr. Udo Wile, of the University of Michigan. This man bored holes in the heads of six hopeless lunatics confined in the Potiac State Asylum, using only local anæsthetics.

Through these apertures he inserted a nozzled syringe and with it he extracted a quantity of brain matter.

This matter was then injected into rabbits which, this precious scientist records, died very soon afterwards.

We are not surprised! But what, in the name of humanity, does it prove?

A sidelight on the mentality of such men is to be gained by the terms in which they plainly acknowledge their indebtedness to their colleagues.

Thus Dr. Wile expresses his appreciation of the many laboratory courtesies extended to him—that is to say, he thanks Dr. Christian, superintendent of the asylum, for handing over the hapless victims for this barbaric and entirely useless experiment.

Angina pectoris is one of the most agonising of all heart diseases and for it there is no known cure.

What, then, was the object of Dr. R. Leriche, who last year took an unsuspecting patient who had no such heart disease and by means of electrisation produced all the agonising symptoms of *angina pectoris*?

Who is safe?

Those who regard this as a minor infamy would do well to read in any standard medical work the descriptions of the ghastly pain produced by this disease.

Are experiments made upon patients in our own hospitals? This is what Professor Searle, F.R.S., has to say upon the subject:

"Most people nowadays know or suspect that experiments are done upon human beings as well as upon animals. . . . I now come to the bedside of Mary Cain, aged 2½. Mary was admitted to hospital, July 1, 1913. She was scrofulous and in poor condition. Human tuberculin and bovine tuberculin were injected at two points. . . . In a few days there were deep ulcers at the sites of the tuberculin injections. In the later of two photographs most of Mary's face is hidden by a cloth."

It is perhaps as well to say no more.

How are we to justify the experimental use of unproven remedies upon poor children? Last year the Austrian Government issued orders that a certain form of inoculation was not to be used on account of its danger.

Last year our own London County Council ruled out this particular experimental preventive as being unproved and dangerous.

The open door to atrocity

Pauper children, however, do not come within the scope of the L.C.C. ruling. Thus the avid "scientist" was at liberty to experiment with pauper children in various parts of the country, and did so.

"Once admit the principle that men should put everything second to the advancement of science," wrote Dr. Snow, "and at once the door is set open for the perpetration of almost any conceivable wickedness and atrocity."

And the hard truth is, that door has been wide open for a long time. Already the record of wickedness and atrocity is one to appal those who know the ghastly truth.

The Magic Stethoscope

A "King" Disappears

A GENTLEMAN who was earnestly seeking employment recently got into touch with a concern called King Motor Accessories, of Sentinel House, Southampton Row, London, W.C., which had inserted an advertisement in a daily paper.

This concern, according to a letter signed on its behalf by a Mr. F. E. King, was prepared to consider the gentleman's application for a post as salesman.

It offered a salary of £3 per week for the first four weeks, with a subsequent increase to £4. In addition to this, commission would be paid at the rate of 5s. on single orders and 7½ per cent. on quantities.

The motorist's friend

The applicant was given to understand that he would be required to take out a Fidelity Guarantee bond for £25, but the company offered to pay the necessary premium.

It was pointed out, however, that as it would take about ten days before this formality could be completed, it would be necessary for the applicant to make a cash deposit of £10 against "stock and collections."

An interview was arranged and the gentleman found that he would be employed to distribute a device known as the "Motor Stethoscope."

Save for a slight attachment on the sounding cup, there was little about this device to distinguish it from the ordinary stethoscope used by medical men; but it was to be retailed at £1 5s. a time, and was said to be invaluable to motorists to enable them to detect the exact location of any engine trouble without dismantling the entire engine. For all we know it may be an exceedingly useful device.

The gentleman decided to accept Mr. King's offer and duly paid his deposit of £10, for which he was handed a signed receipt.

A mean fraud

He heard nothing more for some time, but when he called at the office of King Motor Accessories to make enquiries, he was astonished to meet with a number of other men who told him that they, too, had deposited £10 apiece for jobs that had never materialised.

Mr. King was not to be found, and when the landlord of the premises was approached he informed the enquirers that Mr. King had used the office in question without authority and had since been ejected.

Reference to the files at Somerset House was futile, for King Motor Accessories was not even registered there.

So these unfortunate job-seekers are in the unenviable position of being not only jobless but minus £10 of hard-earned savings.

We wish that some miraculous stethoscope existed to enable these poor fellows to locate the present whereabouts of the man who has placed them in this predicament.

BOY CONSUMPTIVE BIRCHED

THE GATES OF MERCY CLOSED

A Child in Purgatory

THERE is a small boy down in Torrington, Devon, who has learned at the tender age of ten that life is not all cider and clotted cream. His name is Roy Cudmore, and he lives with his parents in a poor little cottage on the common.

His parents have found times very hard of late, and that with two other little mouths to feed there has not been a superabundance of good and nourishing food to go round.

The result is that Roy has not thriven as well as he might have done in the healthy Devon air, and less than a year ago, when inspected by the tuberculosis officer for the county council, was found to be "ill-nourished and unfit."

The doctor took a sufficiently serious view of the case to recommend that Roy should be sent either to Sidney House, Torrington, an open-air school under the county council, or to Hawkmoor Sanatorium, near Bovey Tracey, in South Devon, an institution for less-advanced cases of tubercular trouble.

A tragic delay

Since Hawkmoor is more than forty miles away, Mrs. Cudmore preferred that the boy should go to Sidney House, where she could visit him frequently.

As so often happens, the institution was full at the time and Roy had to be put on the waiting-list. The consequences were tragic.

The capacity for getting into scrapes is not confined to youngsters in perfect health, and during the school holidays Roy Cudmore, like a large number of other boys of ten or so, found that there was a good deal of truth in the old adage concerning mischief being found for idle hands to do.

He was friendly with another boy and it must be confessed that the two mixed badly.

A cruel decision

They visited a small store in the town, and while the girl attendant's back was turned they misappropriated some pencils and a purse which lay for sale on a tray.

They escaped with their booty, but were apprehended before they had time to convert it into something more edible.

The pencils and the purse were returned to their lawful owner, and Roy and his companion in crime were quite properly arraigned before the local magistrates.

The latter took a serious view of the case, for it was discovered that there was a further charge pending against the two of having on precisely the same day become possessed in an irregular manner of a "large packet of cigarettes."

It was quite right that they should have been charged and that they should have been as firmly dealt with as the circumstances warranted.

Unfortunately, there are different interpretations of "firmness," and the Torrington Bench held the old barbaric view that physical chastisement is the most salutary, and each boy was sentenced to four strokes.

The fact that Roy Cudmore was somewhat undersized and frail—the doctor's report, as we have shown, stated him to be "ill-nourished and unfit"—and the hectic colouring of his cheeks a dangerous symptom, did not carry weight with the administrators of justice.

Nor did the appeal of the horrified mother for leniency on the grounds that the boy was delicate and waiting for entrance to the tuberculosis institution. The birching took place next day.

Whether the weals raised by the birch-rod on so tender a skin will prove to have eradicated once and for all any latent criminal instincts or all further desire for adventure, we cannot say.

This much is certain, that little Roy possibly looked forward with anticipation to his spell in Sidney House after his nightmare. But weeks dragged on and months, and there was still no sign of a vacancy for this small patient on the borderline of the great scourge.

The blot on justice

Then a month ago Mrs. Cudmore applied to the authorities, approaching personally a local county councillor, who is a member of the Sidney House Committee.

On New Year's Day she received a letter from him that he had gone into the question of why Roy was not admitted into Sidney House.

"A reply I have received," he wrote, "is to the effect that your boy had been convicted of theft, and it was thought that he was not a fit lad to mix with the other children in the institution."

It has long been one of the ironies of justice in this land of ours that the punishment of the criminal, be it ten days in prison or ten years' hard labour, is never an expiation of the offence.

But it is not often in these enlightened days that we find evidence of so narrow and unkindly a view of crime and punishment, which insists that a babe of ten, having erred, and in this case having been led astray, should be branded for ever!

Rather would we have thought that the mere fact of the cruel punishment of the birch-rod on such a delicate frame should have made those responsible all the more lenient in favour of his admission to the place where he would get the necessary food and attention which his poor parents find themselves unable to give.

Roy has found one good friend among the public men of Torrington, who has worked hard to have the right thing done by this small member of the town.

We hope that even before these lines appear in print the ban on little Roy will have been lifted. And not a day too soon!

Roy Cudmore

Hoaxing the Housewife

A Gas-gadget Catch

LONDON and suburban housewives have been hoaxed recently in a most impudent manner, and others should be well on their guard lest they, too, should be victimised.

It appears that a polite individual has been going the rounds and gaining entry to certain houses by representing himself as a gas inspector who has called to examine the stove.

After pottering about the gas stove with a professional air, the polite individual produces a cast-metal disc, explaining it is a patent gas-saver that will boil three kettles at once.

Persuasion and explanation

By bringing persuasive powers into play, he usually prevails upon the unsuspecting housewife to purchase one of these gas-savers for 5s., assuring her that it can be returned to the gas company should she feel dissatisfied after giving it a trial.

The housewife's first cause for surprise comes when she is handed a receipt—not from her gas company, but from a concern called the Triplex Gas Economy Co., of New Oxford Street, London, W.C. But if she questions him on this point the polite individual is ready with the explanation that this latter concern is working "in conjunction" with the gas companies.

An impudent hoax

The second cause for surprise usually comes after the polite individual has departed, when it is discovered that the so-called gas-saver is worse than useless.

This impudent hoax has been operated quite recently by a person named A. J. Harrison, and his name appears upon a receipt given to a South London reader.

His exact position with the Triplex Gas Economy Co. is difficult to ascertain owing to the fact that it is not registered under the Business Names Act.

In the same way, little is to be gained by calling at the New Oxford Street offices, for the company is not to be found at the address given, and all the enquirer learns is that there have been countless anxious callers before him.

The Silent Brothers

Two Bookies to Ban

FROM time to time we have received letters of complaint from readers who have had unsatisfactory dealings with a firm of Turf and football commission-agents known as Offwood Bros., of Heddon Street, Regent Street, London.

A Battersea reader's experience in this connection merits some publicity and should serve as a warning to others. He first commenced business with Offwood Bros. towards the latter end of last year, and after the first week or so he estimated his winnings at something like £60.

A matter of time

To his surprise, his commission was declared null by Offwood Bros., who queried the time of posting.

"We notice the postmark is after 3 p.m.," they wrote, "and our rule expressly mentions that all communications must bear a postmark up to the time of kick-off only."

Positive that he had posted his commission in good time, our reader at once communicated with the Postmaster-General, and in due course received an official notification to the effect that his letter had been collected at 2.20 p.m., but this time was not shown on the letter for the simple reason that time-stamps were not used at the post-office in dispute!

An empty boast

Following this revelation, Messrs. Offwood Brothers adjusted the matter and our reader continued to do business with them until other amounts became due to him.

Offwood Bros. showed small concern for his claims. At last, after making repeated calls at their Heddon Street office, he contrived to draw from them a post-dated cheque for £20 odd.

But when this cheque fell due for payment it was promptly returned from the bank marked "R.D."

Since then, all his efforts to secure an interview have been in vain; yet, in their printed matter, Messrs. Offwood Bros. proudly state: "Our only desire is to conduct an honest and straightforward business"!

Such words are cheap to the speaker, but are apt to prove costly to those who believe them.

THE BRIDGE OF DEATH

WAITING FOR CATASTROPHE

A Hump-backed Menace

WHEN a Ministry admits that a matter is one of "extreme urgency" it is surely a scandalous thing to find it calmly pigeon-holing all reports and making no attempt to combat the evil

A STRANGE case of a Ministry's cynical disregard of public welfare and public safety is exercising the minds of the inhabitants of Richmond and Twickenham, and the centre of all the trouble is the ridiculously toy-like, if beautiful, bridge which constitutes their only means of communication by road.

Many years have passed since the inadequacy of the bridge for the traffic it was called upon to bear became apparent. Every month dozens of accidents are taking place, and it would seem that it is only a matter of time until some horrible disaster must happen.

Daily over this ridiculous little, hump-backed travesty pass to and fro several 'bus services and a great deal of heavy vehicular traffic. On each side of the bridge something over 3 ft. of footpath has been allowed the pedestrian.

A hazardous undertaking

It is necessary for many of the people living on the Twickenham and on the Richmond side to make a hazardous crossing of the bridge each day. The miracle is that so few accidents occur.

When the heavier type of 'bus, or motor-lorry for that matter, meet on the bridge there is a distinct overlapping by them of the footpath.

Many people complain of having been brushed on the shoulder by a passing vehicle; a great many more have sorrowful tales to tell of mud-spattered clothes on rainy days.

But the crowning scene is Richmond bridge on a Bank Holiday or on any day when one of the race-courses beyond Richmond is holding a meeting. Then the bridge over which streams of traffic pass becomes a most pathetic scene of out-of-date methods trying to cope with modern conditions.

As far back as 1912 it was realised by Richmond people that something must be done. To-day, the net result of their efforts, which were considerable, is the promise of another bridge further down the river which cannot possibly be so effective as the Ministry of Transport hopes.

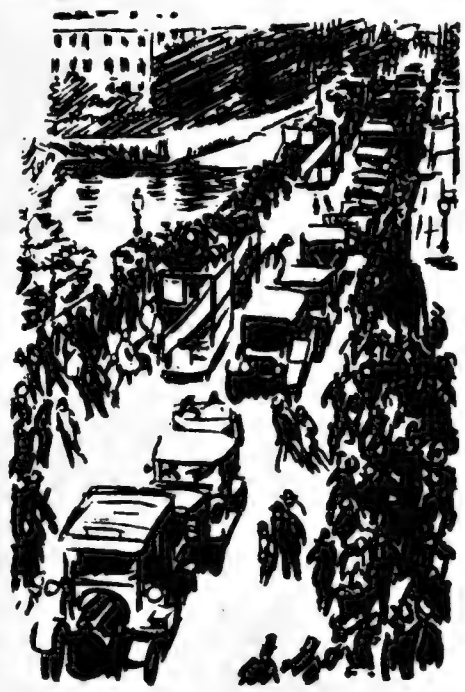
A vain hope

The promised bridge, which, by the way, was to have been completed this year, and of which no news has been heard, is part of the Chertsey arterial road.

This road will not enter the middle of Richmond at all, and it is in vain to hope that the old Richmond bridge, running as it does from the very vitals of both towns, will be superseded to any great extent by the new.

Plans without number have been put forward to ameliorate the bridge difficulty, which has developed from an inconvenience to a positive danger.

Prior to the war it was suggested to build a traffic bridge near the old one. This scheme died a mysterious death. Then the Richmond Bridge Improvement Committee was formed by local people who adopted a "plan for keeping the fine old bridge very much as it is to-day, but for flinging out footpaths on each side and throwing the existing footpaths into the roadway—a simple, comparatively inexpensive widening plan that would meet all existing objections to the bridge itself."



Richmond Bridge, a constant menace and potential death-trap. Must we wait for manslaughter before an apathetic Ministry moves?

In December, 1925, an influential deputation was introduced to Colonel Ashley by the Member for Twickenham, the present Home Secretary, and a long interview resulted.

A striking admission

The Minister of Transport subsequently made an inspection of the bridge, admitting its inadequacy. His final decision was the one recorded above—namely, that nothing could be done until the effect of the Chertsey arterial road bridge was seen.

The committee accepted this decision loyally, as, indeed, they had to, and the Minister has tested their loyalty to an inhuman extent.

The Ministry is not called upon to bear the expense of any improvements in the bridge, so their "do nothing" attitude is hard to understand—unless the Whitehall mice have consumed the contents of one of the pigeon-holes!

But for the Ministry to admit that the lives of many people are endangered daily, make a promise and simply forget about it, we can only describe as a callousness which will bring painful repentance if a serious catastrophe should occur.

A MUSHROOM TRAP

SAMUEL'S NURSERY STAKES

The Happy Family Humbug

SOME commercial propositions can be presented in very attractive form, as the following story amply illustrates. But things are not always what they seem, and investigation sometimes brings surprising results!

THERE is something almost idyllic about a proposition that is being outlined for the benefit of prospective partners by a gentleman who claims to have thirty years' experience in horticultural pursuits.

For some little time now lengthy announcements relating to "vacancies for two or three active men, prepared to invest £250," have appeared under a box number, and those who have responded can hardly have scented romantic possibilities.

On the face of it one might be pardoned for looking upon it as a cold commercial announcement, inserted by a soulless man of business; but the actual experience of at least one applicant seems to prove otherwise.

Wonderful ideals

He was favoured with a polite and cordial letter granting him an interview, and containing explicit instructions on how to reach the writer's home with a minimum of trouble.

The said writer's affability was more than ever in evidence when the interview duly took place, and he talked to the applicant in a manner which rather suggested that he possessed the soul of a poet.

He refused to look on commerce in the cold light of reality. His views were idealistic. He wanted a lot of partners to join him in a contemplated venture—but he wanted them to be "just one large happy family"!

The proposition which he unfolded in such friendly tones concerned the purchase and control of a nursery business known as the Oaklands Nursery Company, Ltd.

Positions were going begging for six young men who were able to put up £250 apiece. Previous experience in nursery gardening was of no consequence.

If they had the money they would be given 250 £1 shares in the company in question, which were guaranteed to yield dividends with interest at the attractive rate of 15 per cent.

A fine incentive

In addition to this lucrative investment offer, the six bright young men would be paid a salary of £4 per week—notwithstanding their inexperience—and after the completion of one year's service this would be increased to £5.

The idealist assured his listener that he was a strong believer in people putting their money into a concern in such terms as it gave them a real incentive to work.

He was even contemplating making it imperative for his labourers and gardeners to take up £10 worth of shares, and so make the large happy family still larger.

He made much of his thirty years' experience in these matters and spoke enthusiastically of sending the products "all over the country." He intended to concentrate on mushrooms as a chief product.

Now this prospective partner has placed this matter before us, and, much as we hate to shatter any illusions he may have formed regarding this commercial game of "happy families," we feel it our duty to speak plainly—for his sake and for the sake of the public in general.

Miracles or mirages

For the moment the name of the idealistic nursery gardener was mentioned to us we saw that the mushroom miracles would be mushroom mirages.

The dream-painter of the horticultural Utopia was a person well known to us by repute—he was Mr. Samuel Hardy, of Palace Mansions, Enfield.

We must confess that there was more than a modicum of truth in Mr. Hardy's assertions. He can well claim to be a believer in the "investment-with-position" dodge, and we are bound to admit that he speaks with accuracy when he states that he has more than thirty years' experience in matters horticultural.

But, while he speaks with accuracy on this latter point, he also speaks with considerable restraint. He neglects to reveal the fact that he has been through the Bankruptcy Court, and that he had once served a sentence of nine months' hard labour for showing that same reticence when obtaining credit, and for failing to keep proper books of account.

The above sentence was a sequel to a disastrous run of trading which culminated by showing a deficiency of nearly £11,000.

Leave the dreamer to dream!

To give a full list of the disastrous nursery propositions in which Hardy has induced "inexperienced" people to invest their savings would require far more space than we feel inclined to give to him at the moment.

Suffice it to say that his present nursery venture is centred at Crews Hill, which, a little over a year ago, was the scene of the sorry collapse of a concern called the Crews Hill Nursery Company.

By a strange coincidence Hardy had induced some half-dozen men to invest their savings in that venture, though whether he told them of his happy-family dreams we cannot say.

All we know is that, after the first few weeks, no salaries were forthcoming, and the whole thing fizzled out. When the disillusioned "partners" called to ask for an explanation Mr. Samuel Hardy was "Not at home"!

In these circumstances, we have no hesitation in urging inexperienced young investors to hold on to their money and to leave Samuel Hardy to dream his dreams alone.

A TRAGIC HOMESTEAD

TENANT'S FIGHT WITH OFFICIALDOM

War on the War-scarred

TO repay the nation's debt to our broken war heroes by settling them on the land in circumstances that will enable them to live useful lives, and, under the influence of healthy surroundings, obliterate the horrors of a nightmare campaign from their memory, is laudable in the extreme.

But such a course is worse than useless if it is only to be followed by half-hearted interest in the stricken settlers, and in the latter event untold misery is often added to cups already overflowing with bitterness.

Let us follow the fortunes, or rather misfortunes, of a broken war hero named Mr. Walter Stott, whose story makes pathetic reading indeed.

A native of Bradford, Stott joined the West Yorkshire Regiment when he was only seventeen, and, after a brief training of six months, was plunged into all the horrors of the Flanders fields.

Before he had reached his eighteenth birthday this youthful warrior had been wounded and gassed, and before his splendid record of service drew to a close he had distinguished himself by gaining the military medal for bravery in the field.

A black outlook

When Stott eventually returned to civil life he found that his days of battle were by no means over.

In pre-war days he had found employment with the Bradford Dyers' Association; but lungs that have been tortured with poison gas are slow to mend and he knew that to return to the dye works would be dangerous—indeed, his medical adviser flatly informed him that he would die within a year if he went back to indoor employment of any kind.

Stott still had plenty of courage left and he was perfectly willing to tackle farming as his future life's work.

He had been awarded a pension on account of his disability and commenced learning farming with interest. After two years' preparatory training, Stott began to look about him for a suitable opening.

The proud farmer

His delight may easily be imagined when he learnt that the West Riding County Council was inaugurating a scheme for settling its stricken sons upon the land.

He lost no time in making application under this scheme, which seemed to be just the very thing most suited to his own circumstances, and in due course he became the proud tenant of a little farm on the Castley Estate at Pool-in-Wharfedale, and settled down doggedly to make a success of his new life.

Up to now he had met with nothing but sympathy and encouragement from the officials of the West Riding County Council. When he became tenant of his little farm he was advanced £200 by a well-known bank, the county council being his guarantors.

This money was advanced for the purpose of enabling Stott to provide the necessary stock for his venture, and he gave the county council a promissory note, payable on demand.

Although the war-scarred farmer made a determined effort to run his holding successfully, he encountered difficulties from the first, and it was not long before things began to look very bad f or him.

A prolonged run of sheer bad luck made it very difficult for him to keep going, and, by degrees he found himself dropping behind with his rent; and, with other financial troubles accumulating rapidly, his future outlook began to look black and hopeless.

He was running his farm to the very best of his ability, and one would have thought that he would have met with some encouragement and sympathy from the authorities under whose scheme he had first launched out. But such was not the case, and Stott was left to struggle on alone and to cope with his growing burdens as best he might.

A cruel intimation

The next development, and one that will win for Stott a wealth of sincere sympathy, was that the West Riding County Council intimated its intention of taking proceedings against him for possession of the farm.

Realising that those whom he had thought his friends were now not prepared to help him further, this harassed hero decided to fight to the utmost to retain his little farm.

But the fight was futile. Though

The Rt. Hon. Walter Guinness, M.P. Minister of Agriculture. Has he nothing to say about the repeated failures under this scheme?

none could gainsay the fact that he had the strongest possible moral claims, his case was legally untenable.

Left to struggle

The West Riding County Council regained possession of the farm and Stott found himself homeless and jobless, after expending something like £120 in litigation!

Complaints of similar grievances reach us from other men who have been "settled" under the West Riding Council scheme.

It is hard to realise that such lack of seeming sympathy could be accorded to those who have won an undisputed right to assistance, and a scheme which simply places a broken hero upon a farm and leaves him to struggle on without continued support, will strike many as falling short of the desired end.

CLUB FUNDS MYSTERY

The Silent Silvermans—Grief in Jubilee Street

IN every part of Great Britain there are institutions known as Christmas clubs in which the more thrifty bank a small sum each week.

There was such a club, the Chanucah Club, of 191, Jubilee Street, London, E., which existed for the benefit of many people living in the neighbourhood of Poplar.

Extreme consternation and in many cases distress has been caused by the failure of this club to pay out as usual last Christmas. On making enquiries in the district a representative of JOHN BULL heard from the lips of many members the sad results of the club's failure.

In one case, two young people had counted on saving about £70 by the end of the year, upon which they intended to get married.

A family affair

It is indeed pitiful to think that now their hard-earned money appears to have dissolved into thin air.

Apparently the major portion of the 130 odd members were of the Jewish faith.

The Chanucah Club was founded in 1914 and was run by a Mr. M. Silverman, who acted as treasurer. From the list of officials it was evidently a family affair. The trustees are named as Mr. P. Silverman and Mr. M. Charles, a son-in-law of the treasurer; the secretary was Mr. Barnet Silverman.

A staggering shock

Since its inception, up to the past Christmas, the members had nothing to complain about. The pay-out took place promptly each year, and the subscriptions were collected by the treasurer, Mr. Silverman, and his son Barnet, the secretary.

The money was taken in regularly during 1926 until a few weeks before the share-out was due to take place, when the members were informed that, owing to the serious condition of Mr. M. Silverman's health, no further payments would be taken, but that the share-out would be held one week before Christmas.

During the weeks that intervened, the treasurer and founder of the club died in hospital. The period of mourning observed by those of the Jewish religion had scarcely passed when the day appointed for the share-out came along.

Little dreaming of the news that awaited them, the members arrived at 191, Jubilee Street to draw their share. For a time there was no response to their knocking upon the door, but at last Mrs. Silverman answered and informed the worried assembly that she had no money to give them and did not know what her late husband did with his money.

Gradually the full purport of her words dawned upon the staggered members—the money which they had worked for and stinted to save had gone.

A tragic scene

If anyone has witnessed the failure of a large bank, the tragedy of the scene outside this house will be readily understood.

Curiously enough, none of the officials made any appearance at this time. Surely there is something most irregular in this?

Some of the men arranged a meeting to discuss the matter. At this meeting fifty-eight books were shown and the total sum owing to these members alone amounted approximately to £600. It is now believed that about £1,500 is owing.

A flimsy ex-use

The trustees, it seems, had asserted that they were unaware that their names appeared as such. Such a statement needs explanation, because their names are clearly printed on every book issued.

Another strange feature of the scandal is that the club's bankers are given as the Jewish Colonial Trust, Ltd. Our representative was informed that Mr. Silverman had no account with this bank, but he has a small balance in another.

Mr. Silverman was a much respected figure in the neighbourhood. The members cannot understand what has happened at all. Nevertheless, they are only too well aware of the hardship they have been occasioned.

We are sure that had Mr. Silverman been alive he would have explained the whole affair, and it is the duty of Messrs. P. Silverman and M. Charles, known locally as the trustees, to do so in his stead.

Guard Your Ears

High-sounding Offers

IT is a lamentable fact that people who suffer from chronic afflictions too often believe in "trying anything" in the frantic hope that it may perhaps bring them some measure of relief.

But when "trying anything" means listening to the high-sounding promises of an unqualified person, they should be very much on their guard.

Many sufferers may possibly have been impressed with the offers made by a concern called the "Larmalene Co.," of St. Andrew's Road, Deal, Kent, in respect of "a new scientific method of treatment for deafness, head noises and nasal catarrh."

A tempting assurance

They are urged not to delay another day, but to give this "common-sense method" a trial.

"It cannot possibly do you any harm," runs the circular; "on the contrary, you will be agreeably surprised at the relief afforded, even after only one day's trial, and this benefit gradually goes on day by day, until in a very short time a complete and permanent cure results."

Such definite assurance of permanent relief must be very tempting to those whose suffering is of long standing, and many will doubtless send the requisite 15s. 6d. for the course of treatment which is said to comprise a special rubber "Tinnitus Inhaler, liquid for inhaling, special ear ointment, aural tonic pellets and some medicated wool."

But the old adage that "He who hesitates is lost" is not applicable in this case, for those who hesitate are anything but losers—they have an enviable advantage over those who jump at the offer.

For if they keep silent and hold themselves in restraint for a little while they will be approached by the Larmalene Company with "a temporary offer to supply the 'Larmalene Inhalation' treatment for 9s. 6d."—a reduction of 6s.

A one-man show

This, to say the least, is very pleasant for the faint-hearted and dubious souls who ignored the first offer, but it is decidedly rough on the venturous and trusting people who paid their 15s. 6d. at the outset without any hesitation.

But there are also other features about this course of treatment to which exception must be taken.

In the first place, the Larmalene Company apparently consists of one man, a person named H. Thomas, who, if he possesses any medical qualifications, does not trouble to state them in his prospectus.

And, even if we accept the Larmalene treatment at its 15s. 6d. value, we cannot look with favour upon the practice of prescribing for any ailment through the medium of the post.

When such a delicate organ as the ear is involved, we earnestly advise the sufferer to be content with the treatment of a qualified medical man.

THE LAUGHING MARTYR

A MAN FATE CAN'T CRUSH

A Glorious Optimist

"I WAS enlisted in 1915 as A1 for general service, and went to France three times. I was discharged as C3. I have done what work I could since, but I have slowly drifted and now no one wants a man who is nearly blind."

These are the words of a man, Mr. George Williams, who before the war was a hale and hearty plasterer's labourer. And, now, what is he? Well, strange to say, he is one of the most cheerful and optimistic of men, "Always laughing," says his wife.

What is the secret?

It certainly is not his surroundings. The family, composed of father, mother and five children, the eldest a girl of twenty, soon to be married, and the youngest a boy of nine, occupy three rooms in a shaky house that was condemned in 1913.

It forms one of a row of miserable derelicts, in a poor street, gloomy by day and pitch dark at night, leading out of Deptford Broadway.

Happy under difficulty

Yet their little back sitting-room radiates brightness, a brightness not due to the furniture, which consists of two tables, the tops made from the lids of tea-chests, an old camp-bedstead, a few chairs and the family portraits adorning the walls.

So worthless is the lot that on one occasion when the bailiffs were sent to seize their goods, they found nothing worth taking and left them in peaceful possession.

Neither is good health the secret of this family's brave cheerfulness. This genial man, a typical labourer to look at, is suffering from progressive disease of the vision. Since the war, he has been sacked from three jobs on account of his failing eyesight, and since 1925 has been unable to do anything.

Mr. George Williams

A Moorfields specialist has told him that his case is hopeless, that no treatment would be of any good.

There is no pension, for the loss of his sight has been declared by the tribunal as a calamity that would have overtaken him even in civil life.

His wife, whose attractive, happy face accounts for the tattoo identification mark mentioned on her husband's Army papers, "I love E. S.," holding good after thirty-one years of married life, is stone deaf in one ear, and suffers badly from her heart.

Not long ago she was ill in bed for a month, and temporarily lost the power of her feet. They have all had influenza,—a tragedy involving the loss of the boy's wages during his sickness.

That Mr. Williams can only produce his 1914-15 star for voluntary overseas service, instead of his three medals, is due to the fact that the others were pawned long ago.

The family's total weekly income amounts to 32s. 3d., the greater part being contributed by the children, and a 6s. food ticket, out of which 11s. 9d. is due for rent.

The wonderful secret

Here is the dinner and supper menu for their most prosperous days:—

DINNER FOR SIX.	s.	d.
2 lb. neck of mutton	0	7
Pot-herbs	0	2
4 lb. potatoes	0	3
Flour	0	2
Total..	1	2
SUPPER.		
Bread	0	9½
Packet of tea	0	2
½ lb. margarine	0	4
1 lb. fresh herrings	0	3
Gas	0	1
Total..	1	7½

Each day is bringing this man nearer to total blindness—but "What's the use of being miserable," he says, "you are no better off."

"If you haven't enough money to ride, you can walk;" "It is no good making a lot of trouble over anything;" "I believe in fate, and what will be will be;" "It is no good my fretting because I shall eventually lose my sight," are some of the maxims he lives by.

Perhaps the secret of Mr. Williams' cheerfulness is that, in the words of Browning, he is just "A happy-tempered bringer of the best out of the worst."

A QUEER TOURIST AGENCY

THE BAMBOOZLING SHIPBROKER

Another Investment Trap

AN elderly gentleman of long experience in the insurance business advertised last June for a post with light duties, mentioning the fact that he was prepared to deposit £250.

Naturally, the advertisement attracted a host of replies, and the one most impressive was on the note-heading of a concern called John C. Hamilton, Ltd., steamship, passenger and tourist agents, then at Abbey House, Victoria Street, S.W.

Other information printed at the head of the paper included a registered office at 54, Great Tower Street, a telegraphic address and no fewer than five telephone numbers.

Seeing the world

It appeared that a scheme was being inaugurated requiring the services and experience of someone like our reader, and he was told that the new development was a holiday instalment scheme by which workers could save money and see the world by paying instalments to John C. Hamilton, Ltd.

After one or two interviews, our friend was ultimately appointed superintendent in charge of the South London district, in consideration of his investing the sum of £250 in 7 per cent. cumulative participating preference shares of £5 each.

He was to receive £250 per annum as salary, together with a commission of 5 per cent. of the net profits, and he anticipated that his total remuneration would be from £8 to £10 per week.

Early disappointment

He was given a contract for one year, and started work on July 19 last, on which date he paid over the money. His first salary, due on July 31, was not forthcoming, and a fortnight later he received a cheque, but it was dishonoured.

On August 31, he finished up without having received his salary, and with nothing more than various scraps of paper to show for his £250.

In the meantime, the managing director of the concern, John Hamilton Cooke, had filed his petition in bankruptcy!

According to his statement of affairs, Cooke was for twenty years prior to 1923 employed by merchants in India. In March, 1925, he acquired a shipbroker's business and carried it on as John Hamilton and Co.

The one to explain

John C. Hamilton, Ltd., was formed in April, 1926, and the debtor stated that he sold his business to that company for £2,000 in shares, and that while acting as managing director of the new concern he still carried on business.

The documents at Somerset House indicate only two shareholders in John C. Hamilton, Ltd. They are John Hamilton Cooke, of 14, Primrose Hill Road, N.W., and William John Southam, of 8, Bennett Park, Blackheath, S.E.

As Mr. Cooke is described as "permanent director for life" of John C. Hamilton, Ltd., we think he should explain why no return of allotments has been filed to place on record at least the fact that our gentleman friend paid £250 for shares.

The gentleman who paid over his £250 a few weeks before the bankruptcy cannot even get any explanation of what became of his money.

THERE is a general desire for education among the people, and the tendency of the authorities is to damp it down. If this is allowed to continue, the results to the nation will be calamitous

What About *Your* Child?

by the Rt. Hon. CHARLES TREVELYAN, M.P. *(Past President of the Board of Education)*

I AM travelling back to-day from a visit to a northern industrial city where recently I was addressing for three-quarters of an hour a crowded and receptive audience of several hundred parents, citizens and city councillors upon education. It is no exceptional experience.

Ever since the war ended, Education Weeks have begun to be a frequent feature in our towns. The schools are thrown open for a week. The parents pour into them to see where their children are taught and what they are doing there. Crowded meetings are held and addressed by Principals of Universities, Presidents of the Board of Education, Bishops and local experts.

Yet a quarter of a century ago no subject was regarded as less alluring for a platform than education. Schools were boring. There was occasionally a burst of spirited political controversy over religion. But the tendency of educational discussions to turn on the differences between Church schools and Board schools was really a formidable obstacle to wide popular interest in education.

The mothers' first thought

And as long as education was chiefly the battle-ground of the sects the ordinary parent was repelled. I remember a shrewd Northumbrian friend of mine growling out in those days, as a summary of his sentiments, "We don't want either a black coat or a red coat to have anything to do with the education of our children."

And the first reason why there is to-day far more widespread interest in all branches of education is that religious controversies have been subsiding into relative insignificance. The whole of my influence will continue to be used to keep religious differences submerged.

But there are other reasons for the new spirit. The entry of women into public life is having its results. I for one never thought that the participation of women in political and municipal life would mean a feminist movement or a special assertion of sex differences, but rather a new emphasis in the general social outlook.

Education is for mothers the most real question of all. The well-to-do mother has always worried over the choice of governesses and of schools for her children, and has attended to education as one of her principal and most absorbing duties.

And now the working-class mother, hitherto excluded from exercising any influence over the schooling of her children, finds herself a citizen and begins to realise that the school to which Polly or James goes is indirectly under her control.

The teachers generally warmly welcome the new-found interest of the parents, and before this generation is over the schools are going to feel in a thousand ways the stimulus which parents' opinions will increasingly apply.

A lost opportunity

In some ways it will be difficult and irritating for the teachers, but its main effect will be to give greater zest to their efforts, as they work under greater appreciation and observation.

The other influence at work has been the expectations which grew during the war and after the war. There was a rosy period of reconstruction while we readjusted ourselves to peace. "A land fit for heroes to live in" was still not too tarnished a phrase.

During that time there was a great rush to school. That is how the young wanted to get their share. Thousands upon thousands of those who presented themselves at secondary schools had to be turned away. There was no room for them, and for those boys and girls the golden years were lost.

There is no doubt that during the war it was not possible to be building schools for this new rush in the year of hope, 1919. But we need not have stopped trying to remedy the deficiency in 1920.

Genius in the slums

We don't even yet come within half a million of the number of secondary school places we need for the present demand. Every year the examinations in our cities become stiffer and more competitive for the free places offered. Every year we have to damp down the flickering flame of desire for knowledge and training in thousands of young souls.

The pity of it! As if we didn't all know now and acknowledge that nature has diffused generously and uncritically among all classes and conditions the abilities which make good managers, good scientific workers, good mathematicians, good writers. The slum can breed a genius as easily as the farm or the villa or the castle.

Of recent years where were the most quick-witted children in Northumberland found? In a village school in the far Cheviot valleys. Robbie Burns' subtle master brain, the fount of beauty and deepest human sympathy, was trained behind the plough, and was wasted on an exciseman's drudgeries.

So it is to-day. We know not what genius we let slip through our fingers at fourteen, to distribute parcels for a grocer and later to hammer bolts in a shipyard.

We are invited this year in a report on "The Education of the Adolescent" by the Consultative Committee of the Board of Education to reorganise our school system. It is an invitation to cease to think of children in two classes—that is, those who are only worth elementary education and a training in the three R's and those who are worth advanced education.

A real economy

It is suggested that all children ought to end their primary education at eleven, and that at that age they ought to be drafted into advanced schools, where they would have a training adapted to the number of years they could be kept at school.

Ought we not also to keep the majority longer at school than we do now? It would cost money, for we should want more schools and teachers, and we should have to give maintenance allowances in substitution for the wages which now begin to come at fourteen.

But would not that increased national expenditure be really an economy? In the last four years we have had one and a half million unemployed, but in the same time two million children have left school and gone into the labour market. If we spent something to stem the flood at one end we should spend less on unemployment benefit and poor relief at the other.

We ought also to beware of thinking always in terms of the clever children. The conception of the "education ladder" is limiting. It suggests that only the selected ones ought to climb. But it is a pity to concentrate interest only on the clever children.

Among the well-to-do to-day boys are sent to public schools irrespective of their ability. When it is a question of sending Rupert or Harold to

The Rt. Hon. Charles Trevelyan, M.P.

Eton or Oundle no parent regards it as a bar that the lads happen to be unable to win scholarships.

The fact that they are rather backward at thirteen is known to be no reason why they should not become able and well-equipped young men at twenty. So they are sent to school with as little hesitation as their brothers who happen to show exceptional promise at a very early age.

Education's main aim

I am, therefore, inclined to discourage the use of the "education ladder" as our modern slogan. I prefer the "broad high road" along which all children should advance as the ideal which suits the humour of our people and the possibilities of our time. If we are going to provide secondary education for all our children, we shall need to think about and experiment freely in the kind of education provided.

It is not that all children ought to be trained for a vocation. For in the modern world children know less and less beforehand what their industrial vocation is to be. And the main aim of education ought always to be to produce good citizens and not specialised workers.

If a lad comes at eighteen or twenty to learn a trade with a keen, well-trained mind, he will have got a better grip of it in a few months than the boy who left school at fourteen and never had a chance of using his schooling.

Winning the race

Nor is it true, as is sometimes feared, that continued education diverts children from industrial life. Bradford is the great city which passes the largest proportion of its children through secondary schools. And twice as many boys and girls go direct into the mills as in the general run of towns in England.

It is not an entirely vocational form of training we want, though by all means let us develop our technical schools and agricultural colleges. But we want greater variety to suit, to attract, to stimulate the varying minds of the children.

All that is really lacking to-day is quantity of schools. Our British standards of education are high, higher than the American. But in the United States there has been a faith in the use and necessity of education for all the people which has led them to build schools and raise universities lavishly for several generations.

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10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR PREMIER,—It is your bounden duty to summon Parliament to discuss the strange military situation that has arisen with regard to China. That without any sanction from Parliament or the electorate the War Office should propose to send troops numbering nearly double the number of British residents to that country is, to say the least, alarming. We are endeavouring, by means of negotiation, to come to amicable understandings with all our foreign neighbours, and not least with the Cantonese Government. Let us by all means protect our countrymen, but that peace should be threatened by all this flag-wagging is simple insanity. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. WINSTON CHURCHILL, M.P.,
Chancellor of the Exchequer.

DEAR SIR,—I am not impressed by your running about Europe "downing" Communism and patting Fascism on the back. Both are organisations of extremists, brought into being and fostered by the weakness of elected Governments. Both will disappear when elected Governments do their duty of carrying out the will of the people who send them to power. Think of this, and get on with your business of budget-balancing. It will take all the energy you can spare. JOHN BULL.

To Sir BERKELEY MOYNIHAN, K.C.M.G.,
President, Royal College of Surgeons.

DEAR SIR,—Your assurance that one person in every seven over the age of thirty dies of cancer justifies your calling this dread disease the "captain of the men of death." Though there is some consolation in the knowledge that more people are being cured than ever before, I agree that the time has come for a great national uprising against this scourge. To claim that instruction will frighten sufferers to death is nonsense; rather, as you say, would it tend to frighten them into life. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. F. C. GOODENOUGH,
Chairman, Barclays Bank, Ltd.

DEAR SIR,—You do well to urge closer ties with the Dominions and improved organisation in industry as two essentials for trade recovery. Many of our sons and daughters are overseas. We have a duty to them in doing what we can to help our own and their prosperity. There are further considerations, however, which you, as a master of finance, will approve, and that is that not only on friendship with the Dominions does our security rest. We must make and keep peace with the rest of the world. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. GILBERT C. VYLE,
Association British Chambers of Commerce.

DEAR SIR,—It makes me tired when I read such nonsense as your remark that industry and politics will never make a working team. It is only through the ballot-box that wise men seek to bring about reform, and were your ridiculous gospel accepted by the nation at large nothing would remain to the working classes but strikes and revolution. When every man thinks for himself, and makes of politics a personal matter, then will oppression vanish. JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. CECIL CHESTERTON,
Fleet Street, E.C.

DEAR MADAM,—None knows better than yourself the terrible straits to which poor and homeless women are driven by the lack of decent lodging-house accommodation, wherefore I welcome your scheme to establish these all over London, and will gladly join up with those distinguished ladies and gentlemen who are supporting you. A wandering girl is practically at the mercy of the scum of the earth, and to save the souls of these is a glorious work. JOHN BULL.

To General BOOTH,
The Salvation Army, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.

DEAR GENERAL,—Your sympathies are world-wide. That you should at your advanced age be thinking of setting up a new leper settlement on the Ganges is proof of it. There are large numbers of lepers, hopeless, starving and dying, their misery intensified by the constant fear of being devoured by wild beasts. Your errand of compassion deserves every support. JOHN BULL.

To Dr. W. R. HADWEN, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.,
Brunswick Square, Gloucester.

DEAR SIR,—That medical men themselves are beginning to voice their conviction that cruel experiments on living animals do nothing to make life safer or better for the human race gives rise to hope that the iniquitous system of vivisection may presently be abolished. Practical teaching on right ways of living, fresh air and good housing will do more to banish disease than all the cruelties practised in secrecy. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. C. J. SHARP, M.A.,
The Vicarage, Ealing.

DEAR SIR,—I am much in agreement with your spirited defence of the happy homes of England. There are more happy homes than miserable ones and parents are just as ready now to sacrifice for their children and struggle for their higher education as ever they were. It is all the more to be deplored that because of unemployment and the lack of decent housing so many parents are completely barred from making the happy homes they would. I am sure you realise this tragic fact. JOHN BULL.

To Dr. TOLCHER ECCLES,
Police Surgeon, Hove.

DEAR SIR,—Your plan of lecturing to your panel patients on "How to keep well" is excellent. A ha'porth of prevention is always better than a pound of cure. I have always held that when doctors interpreted their duties rightly they would be paid when their clients were in good health, and not be tempted to put a premium upon ill-health and sickness. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. G. H. OLIVER, M.P.,
Walbrook Road, Derby.

DEAR SIR,—Your calling to the Bar at Middle Temple is a triumph of determination over handicap and difficulties. Between your political and trade union work it was not easy to get time for solid study, but you proved it possible by a wise use of stray moments and spare time, even reading heavy works in trams, trains and omnibuses. You have set an example which many would do well to follow. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. JOHN REID,
City Council, Dundee.

DEAR SIR,—It was largely as an outcome of your persistent advocacy that the Dundee City Council decided to put in hand extensive public works for the relief of local unemployment. Now, it seems, the Unemployment Grants Committee is doubtful whether it can legally make a contribution to the scheme. In pressing the committee to take a more generous view the council has the support of all who share your opinion that the provision of work is the plain, common-sense solution for unemployment. JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

MR. CHURCHILL:—"A continued progression to the Left is characteristic of all revolutions."

And a continual cry of "Bogey, bogey" characteristic of weak statesmanship.

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SIR JOSIAH STAMP:—"Certain sections of the workers have gained much at the expense of other sections."

In which case they have gained nothing worth having.

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MR. W. L. HICHENS:—"Private enterprise is the only form of enterprise that has ever succeeded."

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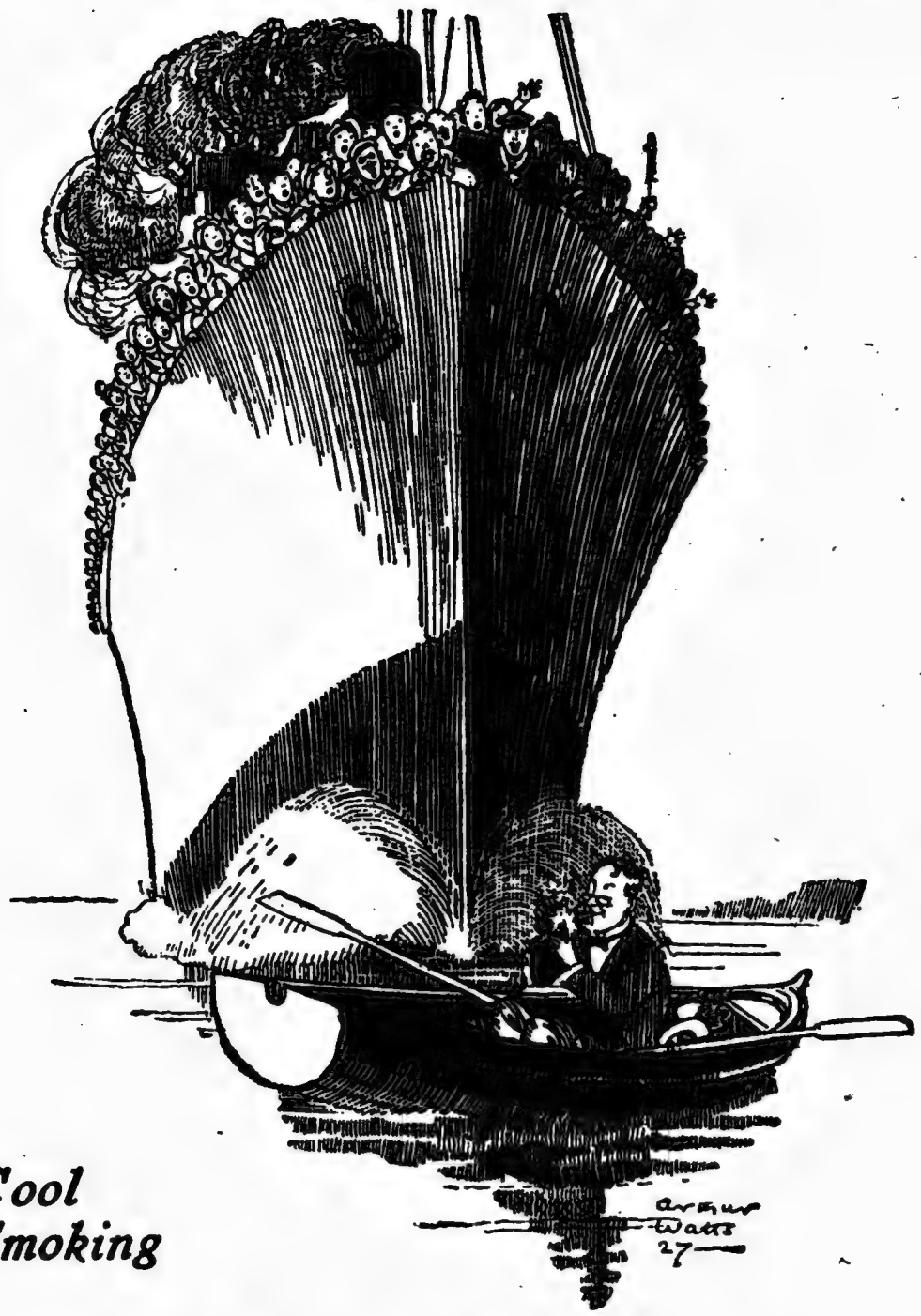

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Without Fear or Favour — *by the Editor*

BLIND MAN'S BLUFF

Yearning Youth

WE are hearing a great deal lately of the claims of youth to a larger place in the sun, of its eagerness to assume greater responsibilities, to take a bigger share in the serious business of life.

In some quarters it is considered the correct thing to snub these aspirations, although why we cannot imagine.

It is surely absurd and illogical, as well as grossly unfair, to condemn young people in one breath for their lightness and frivolity, for their want of serious purpose in life, and in the next breath to sneer them out of countenance for daring to prove us wrong.

The older folk have not made such a howling success of human affairs that they can afford to curl their lips in superior scorn.

How are we to harness the spirit and energy of youth, to capture its generous enthusiasms for the causes which are worth passionate devotion?

We must learn that it is not the grey hairs on a man's head which entitle him to a respectful hearing, but the grey matter inside it, that brains and energy and character are none the worse for being young and fresh, that youthful enthusiasm is among heaven's most precious gifts to mankind.

There is hardly a case on record where a young man, appointed "before his time" to a position of responsibility, has not triumphantly made good. Thousands of young men and women to-day are pining for opportunities which, beyond all question, they would turn to shining advantage.

Give youth its chance. Some day it will have to run the world. Let it begin to learn.

Open the Doors

IN the list of candidates qualifying last December for commissions in the Regular Army, the first three places in order of merit were won by men who had raised themselves from the ranks.

It is good to know not only that the private soldier has now the opportunity of high promotion, but that he is using it with credit and distinction.

The experience of the War Office should encourage other Government departments to throw open their higher appointments to public competition.

Throughout the Civil Service there ought to be a free career for the talents. The system of requiring candidates for official positions to obtain "nominations" from persons of influence is one which perpetuates class distinctions where none ought to exist.

Why, for example, should the service of the Foreign Office at home and abroad be regarded as a close preserve for young men of aristocratic connections?

Why should barbed-wire fences be erected against all who have not graduated from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and from the older public schools?

Brains and ability, measured by even standards, should be the sole passport to public employment in a democratic State.

WHO WAS RIGHT?

We should be the last to decry charity. Warm-hearted generosity is the salt of life. But charity is not always enough. There comes a point when authority uses it as an excuse for the evasion of responsibility

THE January number of the *Tribune*, a magazine printed in Braille type, and issued under the auspices of the National Institute for the Blind, contains some striking admissions in an article which is a mild endeavour to take us to task for our exposure of the great cost of blind charity administration.

To solve the economic problem of the blind, we are told, at least £4,000,000 per year would have to be raised by voluntary contributions. Without questioning the sum, we fail to see why the blind should be dependent on the precariousness and inadequacy of the voluntary system.

According to the *Tribune*, the latest figures for voluntary contributions for the whole country are as follows:—1919-20, £220,000; 1920-21, £250,000; 1921-22, £295,000; 1922-23, £371,000; 1923-24, £401,000. These figures indicate that the sums actually raised are but a small percentage of those really required to ensure the welfare of all blind persons.

The figures, too, confirm the admission made by the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties Association, some time ago, that nearly 25 per cent. of the blind living alone in London are in circumstances of real poverty.

Many of these poor helpless folk have to exist on incomes varying from 13s. to 16s. per week, and with dread they look forward to the day when they may have only the old-age pension.

IT will be recalled that we pointed out how the First Blind Ballot produced £87,461 16s. 6d., only £23,190 9s. 6d. of which went to the National Institute for the Blind, after all expenses, prizes and commissions were paid.

We showed, too, how in the Second Blind Ballot the institute received only about 3½d. for each 2s. 6d. ticket sold.

The writer in the *Tribune* points out that the ballots were organised outside the institute, which no doubt explains in some measure the high cost. The fact remains, however, that the public subscribed its half-crowns under the impression that a far greater sum would benefit the blind.

The receipts of the Greater London Fund for the Blind, we are told, are steadily increasing and the expenditure proportionally decreasing. "In five years the percentage cost has gradually decreased from 53 per cent. to 43 per cent., and is still falling."

Yet this and other funds only yield a small proportion of the £4,000,000 actually needed, but never forthcoming, to relieve the blind from pauperdom.

THE welfare of the blind is a national obligation, and the article in the *Tribune* only strengthens our belief that costly charities should be scrapped in favour of a less costly rating method.

There is no need for any municipality to seek added powers in order to raise the necessary money for the adequate support of our most helpless citizens. They have already all the power they need. If they do not impose the small rate necessary, it is not because they cannot, but because for some reason they do not want to.

It is becoming a real national scandal that the welfare of the helpless, the sick and the infirm should be left to the casual generosity of the large-hearted public. If we cannot prevent over a million of our able-bodied men and their dependents from living on the edge of poverty we can at least prevent the destitution of those who could not help themselves even if the opportunities were there.

There is no lack of heart in this matter, but there is a dreadful want of head.

Nobody, we least of all, would say that the voluntary charity of the public is anything save magnificent; but neither would anyone say that it does more than alleviate.

"Blind" and "charity" are two words that, in conjunction, should cause any civilised nation to blush for very shame.

Let us by all means stick tight to our warmth of heart; but let us, too, use our heads and do the job as the job should be done.

Ian Fraser, M.P., Chairman of St. Dunstan's. Blinded in the war he has devoted time and brains ungrudgingly towards securing the comforts of life for his afflicted fellows. His example should be a spur to those who, having the power to act with vigour, are failing to carry out their obligations

Dig Them Out!

"MORALLY," says the Rev. H. O. Mason, of Burslem, "no man has a right to own land. . . What a man made is proper to himself, but the land and God's free air and sun shine are the inherent birthright of every human being."

We will, however, go further and say that even when a man owns property of his own making, such as a house, it is proper to himself to do as he likes with it only so long as he keeps within the law and does not make himself or his property an offence to his neighbours.

This question has been raised in an acute form at Norwich, where the City Sanitary Authority ordered John Bunn, a builder, to carry out certain works on a cottage he had let to Mr. Archibald Rising, to abate a nuisance and make the place habitable.

This did not suit Bunn. Going to "his" cottage he handed the Risings a notice to quit. He knocked a hole in the wall, took the roof off the wash-house, rendered oven and wash-copper useless, strewed bricks in the bedrooms, and demolished ceilings and staircase.

Mr. Rising did not quit. He is a night watchman, but he has a sounder knowledge of British law than Mr. Bunn the builder.

His wife's health was injured, his children made ill. He brought an action for trespass and won it. Mr. Bunn must pay £100 and make the cottage sound, or face the law again for a bigger trouncing.

This is good, but not good enough. The real remedy against Bunn and his kind is accessible land, and an abundance of new houses cheap enough for working folk to rent.

And that means an alteration in the law itself—a revision of the whole of our rotten land system.

The Truth about China

by A. G. GARDINER

THAT Britain is in a tight corner in China is undeniable. The Government is on its trial. Clear thinking and cool heads must be employed; Jingoes must not be heard. Diplomacy must prevail; there must be NO WAR!

The Rt. Hon. Sir L. Worthington-Evans, G.B.E., M.P., Secretary of State for War

I DO not think any Foreign Minister was ever in a tighter place than Sir Austen Chamberlain is at this moment. How tight a place it is he has recognised by taking the unusual course of calling the Leaders of the Opposition, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George, into consultation. That is equivalent to hoisting the storm cone. It is the signal of "danger," immediate and formidable.

This is no time for fireworks and jingo frenzies. It is a time for clear thinking and cool heads. The whole future of this country in the East is in the balance. A false move at Shanghai may destroy our position in China irrevocably—and not in China alone.

India is watching this great drama with tense interest, and failure in China will set up a ferment through that country the end of which no man would be able to foresee.

A reasonable policy

The first fact we have to grasp is that we are in the presence of a new China. Since the mandarins fell, and with them the old Chinese Empire, that vast country has been a sweltering chaos of revolution and unrest.

Slowly there has emerged from the south, with Canton as its centre, a new movement, inspired by Western ideas and Western contacts, equipped with a modern army and furnished with a policy. The keynote of that policy is Nationalism, independence from external interference, "China for the Chinese."

That is not an unreasonable policy. It is not a policy of which we have any right to complain. In similar circumstances every Englishman would adopt it. The aim is to sweep away the special privileges by which foreign Powers had established themselves in China and laid it under tribute.

Forty settlements, concessions or trade ports exist on Chinese soil, which are in fact foreign territory from which the foreigner practically controls the commerce of the country, the levying of Customs, the administration of local justice. This system, imposed on China, was defensible in the past because without it there would have been no security for trade.

The dead hand

It was not an evil thing for the unreformed China; it was a good thing. But directly China threw off the dead hand of the mandarins, established a republic and became politically self-conscious, the system was doomed. Once the rusty chains of despotism within had fallen away, the chains without were menaced.

The foreign Powers should have seen the writing on the wall, and anticipated the challenge. But the foreign Powers did not act together. They had their own hopes and interests, and were too jealous of each other to prepare to meet the storm.

Now the storm has broken and the brunt of it is directed against this country. It is directed against this country for two reasons.

First, because Great Britain was the first country to impose its extra-territoriality upon China, and is still by far the most influential foreign Power in China. In Shanghai alone, a great city that we built upon a vacant mud-bank, we have embarked 200 millions of capital.

Secondly, the brunt of the storm has fallen on us because the Russian Government, having failed to capture Europe for the Soviet creed, has turned to the East as the vulnerable spot from which to attack European civilisation and prestige, and especially British interests and prestige. Chicherin recognises that the chief world pillar of the fabric he is out to destroy is the British Empire, and to bring that down is his aim.

A despicable aim

Hence, as Mr. Brailsford tells us in the *New Leader* with great satisfaction, the part which his old Moscow friend Borodin, of the "magnetic personality," has played in directing the Cantonese propaganda, and the part which the Russian officers have played in directing the military strategy. Hence, the peculiar fury of the propaganda against this country. The aim is to isolate us from the other Powers, and to leave us to meet the storm alone.

It is necessary to separate the two motives of the dead set that have been made against us. The fact that Russia, for entirely malignant reasons, is directing the attack against us must not blind us to the fact that the claim which the Chinese are making to their independence is reasonable.

I do not think the Government has failed to recognise that. As long ago as last May it drew up a memorandum going far in the direction of recognising that claim. If it had been published when it was written it would have had a profound effect on Chinese opinion.

But it was not published until a month ago. Eight priceless months had been lost in trying to get the other Powers to agree. They did not agree, and England issued the proposals alone, only to see them turned down by France and Japan and ignored by America.

That is not the least sinister fact of the situation. We stand alone. China, under the inspiration of Russia, directs all its fire at us. France, Japan, America look on. "This is not our funeral," they say. "Let England get out of it as best she can." And Mr. Borodin rubs his hands, rejoices in the success of his strategy, and thinks what fools these capitalist Powers are.

What must not harpen

Well, then, we stand alone and have to act alone. Let us be clear on one point. There must be no war. The Government has sent out troops and ships to secure the safety of our own nationals in our own concession at Shanghai. I do not think that after the experience at Hankow they could do less. They ought to do no more. To embark on a war with China would be worse than a crime: it would be insanity.

It is said that there is a war party in the Cabinet. I refuse to believe it. The Cabinet contains many men of small intelligence, but I refuse to believe it contains madmen or friends of Mr. Borodin, who, of course, hopes that we shall fight and bury British influence for ever.

We have to accept the new China, not to antagonise it. We should accept it fully and accept it at once, with of course all the guarantees for respect for life, property and the administration of justice which civilised society requires.

That Government, like all Governments, is notoriously divided into moderate and extreme factions, and upon our wisdom or unwisdom depends whether moderates or Mr. Borodin wins.

If we are wise, and above all prompt, we can spike the Russian guns and make terms with the new China which will open a new, more reputable and not necessarily less prosperous chapter in our relations with the Far East.

Let us make our terms quickly and handsomely, and leave the other Powers, who have stood so icily by while we have drawn the fire, to make their own terms with the China of the future. They will not be long in following suit.

Queen M

Mr. Philip Inman will, for a few weeks, tell of the sunshine he has found even in the darkest slums. This series will prove of absorbing interest

MANY an aching heart hides behind a smiling face, and many a hovel shelters a queen in disguise. In a mean street within a stone's-throw of the heart of London's West End lives Mary Bowden with her mother. Their home consists of one small, dismal room in the basement of a tenement building. The contents of that room suggest a combination of respectability and abject poverty. Everything in it is as clean as a pin, but "everything" consists of a bedstead, two chairs, a table and a few odds and ends.

Mr. Philip Inman

On the bed lies Mrs. Bowden, a woman of forty-eight, who for the last three years has been a martyr to rheumatoid arthritis. Gradually her condition has become worse, until now she is almost paralysed, and for over eighteen months she has been bedridden.

Mary Bowden is her only child, a girl of twenty-one. She works in the kitchen of a Soho restaurant, where she slaves from nine in the morning till ten at night for the princely wage of 22s. a week. As she pays 10s. away in rent it does not require the ability of a mathematician to disclose that there is but 12s. left to maintain two people, and one of them an invalid.

IS it any wonder that the seeds of passion, of suspicion and of rebellion should thrive in such a fertile soil? Yet in this home they have not done so, because a wonderful love has blossomed and pervades everything with its fragrance.

I must have seen Mary Bowden on more than a score of occasions, yet only once have I seen her with a shadow on her face. It was when she was told that the dragon of disease had taken a firm hold upon her mother and that nothing more could be done for her.

Almost immediately that shadow gave place to the light of a tender appeal. "Oh, try to make her better," she begged. "If only she can get well, I will gladly work my fingers to the bone." But it was not to be, and Mrs. Bowden was to remain a prisoner, bound by the chains of paralysis.

A Race with Death!

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

MIRACLES of skill and years of self-sacrifice have built up our amazing system of voluntary hospitals—a well-nigh perfect piece of machinery. Why do we not add one more little touch to complete the job?

I HAVE in mind the case of a woman who, dying from poison, was taken to a German hospital at Dalston.

Dr. Hans Kup, the surgeon, would not see her. He had no bed available and ordered her to be put back into the ambulance and taken to another hospital.

The woman subsequently died, and the surgeon, already censured by the coroner, was rightly dismissed by the hospital committee.

Nothing excused his not seeing what he could do to save the woman; but my point in referring to this case is not the surgeon.

It is the fact that here was a woman in urgent need of a bed and skilled treatment. She is taken post-haste to the hospital—and the hospital has no bed to spare.

Take another case. A woman who lived by herself was taken ill. She suffered in loneliness for twelve hours before she was discovered, when attempts were at once made to get medical aid.

She was carried to the nearest hospital on a coster's cart, only to be informed that there was no bed. She went on to a second hospital. It, too, had no bed. She was taken to a third. There was no bed available at that one either.

Not until some valuable hours had been wasted did she finally discover a vacant bed at a fourth hospital, and was able to obtain treatment.

Saved on the stroke of time

Let me tell you one more story, this time of a little boy of six who was suddenly struck down with acute appendicitis.

His parents were told by the local doctor who was called in that he must be removed to hospital for an immediate operation.

When the doctor was asked what chance there was of getting him admitted, he replied: "You must find that out for yourselves, I am afraid. I have no influence."

Suffering agonising pain, that child was taken to some half-dozen hospitals before admission was finally obtained.

In the meantime, his natural resistance was sadly lowered, and when the operation ultimately took place, his condition was infinitely worse than it would have been had not the invaluable hours been wasted on fruitless journeyings.

As it was, it was touch and go. After the operation the surgeon declared that had another hour elapsed not all the medical skill in the world could have saved that child's life.

A fool's game

There is something rather staggering in all this. We build up the finest set of hospitals, doctors, surgeons and nurses in the world—and then we refuse to apply the touch of common-sense that will make the machinery work smoothly.

We have developed such a false scale of values! We have refused to cultivate a sense of proportion. We give no thought at all to the things that matter.

What are questions of life and death beside the problems of enjoyment? Apparently nothing, for certainly we do not trust our pleasures to such casual chances as we force our stricken fellows to take!

It we wish to travel we leave nothing to chance. We go to Cook's and see to it that, wherever we go, accommodation is reserved for us, and every possible precaution taken to avoid mishap.

But if a child is dying, we put him in an ambulance, and send him round the hospitals on the offchance of his securing attention before it is too late!

Do we want to go to a theatre? Why waste time going the round of the box-offices when there are central agencies which can tell us at once what seats are available in any theatre in the town?

Then, why on earth cannot we put a little of this foresight and common-sense into the infinitely more important matters of sickness, accident, and affairs that are literally a race against death—with time on the side of death?

It does not seem to me very difficult to establish a central Health Inquiry Bureau to which each day every hospital would give information as to the number of beds available.

Would it not then be the simplest matter in the world for a doctor to ring up this bureau and be told instantly the hospital to which his urgent case could be admitted without question?

"It would cost money!" I can hear the pat reply of the bureaucrat already ringing in my ears! It would: but the lack of it costs life! Which is the greater expense?

Lord Knutsford, our hospitals' staunchest friend. His plea is "Government aid without interference!"

A national benefit

In any case, I can see no reason why the Ministry of Health should not establish such a co-ordinating bureau forthwith.

Expense! What would it involve? An office, a telephone, a card index and an efficient clerk! The whole thing could be worked with that!

If I have referred only to London it is because I know most about London: but there is not a large town in the country that would not benefit enormously by the establishment of such a co-ordinating link.

I have dealt at some length with this one idea because I think it is something practical that we could do at once.

It is something that could be done without debates in Parliament, without legislation, without a lot of fuss, without anything except a little co-operation and good will.

There is the larger question, however, of the whole upkeep of our hospitals. The time is almost here when we can no longer shirk the question.

The appeals for help that meet one at every street corner are becoming a burning shame to the country. There is hardly a hospital that is not waging a desperate and losing fight against bankruptcy and disaster.

I do not suppose the politicians will listen to me. I am too bluntly practical for them. I cannot for the life of me get into the habit of looking at things through vistas of red tape and official formulas.

Why the Government hangs back

That is why I cannot understand why the Government does not say to our hospitals: "We are going, in future, to make you an annual grant in accordance with your needs.

"We are not going to harry you with hordes of inspectors nor poke our noses into your methods of working. You have proved abundantly that you know your jobs.

"You have done miracles already. Here is the money. Go on and do still more."

That is, in point of fact, what the generous-hearted public says. It is, in effect, what the philanthropist says when he hands over a cheque for ten or twenty thousand pounds.

The Government does not say it because it cannot think except in terms of officials and red tape. But if it had any real regard for the health and safety of the people that is what it should say.

Mary Ann

In Sunshine Alley

by PHILIP INMAN

One day I asked the girl why she did not try to find a more cheerful room. And then it was she told me how badly off they were. "Besides," she went on, "this is only a few minutes from my work, and I'm able to pop in and out during the day to see to her. I don't mind anything so long as I have my mother near me."

I recalled these words a few days later when I was talking with the elder woman. "I wonder if you would do something for me," she asked.

Then in a gentle voice she told me what was in her heart. "I'm only a drag on my girl, and it's not fair to her. If I were out of the way she'd probably get a comfortable home with a nice family. You see she's a splendid one with her needle."

MRS. BOWDEN paused in her story whilst a look of pride came into her eyes. Then in a voice which sounded a long way off she went on, "I thought maybe that I could go into the infirmary."

"The infirmary!" I repeated. "Does your daughter know of this?" "No," she told me, "and I don't want her to know until everything's settled." "But do you want to go?" I asked her.

She started to cry, and it was a few minutes before she was able to reply. "Want to go?" she repeated dazedly. "Why, it will break my heart, but if it means happiness for her, I'd do anything."

Then I told this woman of what her girl had said to me. "Thank God for giving me such a child," she said fervently, and before I left her she had promised to think no more of her contemplated move into the infirmary.

BUT Mrs. Bowden was destined to move from that dreary basement. It came about in this way. A good Samaritan became interested in their welfare and used to visit them from time to time. One day she saw some of Mary's needlework. "It was exquisite," she explained to me when describing her discovery. "That girl had no right to be working in a 'cellar.'"

And that is why Mary Bowden changed her occupation from a scullery girl to a sewing maid. And that is how, when a room upstairs became vacant, they were able to move into it. Even now the money she earns is not excessive, but she is able to stay with her mother all the day, and when the sun shines, as it does sometimes even in the heart of London, they are able to catch a glimpse of it.

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by **ROBERT HOLMES** *(The famous police court missionary)*

WE rail at the ex-convict on his repeated return to crime and brand him as one for whom there is no hope. Are we certain that when a crime is expiated we give the offender a real chance to live an honest life?

UNQUESTIONABLY there are men who would rather steal than work, also men who have so got into a habit of stealing as to be unable to stand up against temptation, even when fully employed.

On the other hand, men leave penal establishments every week determined to have done with crime. Possibly those who urge them while in prison to take a straight course on release fail to realise the difficulties to be faced, and consequently fail to point out how much depends upon a man's personal effort.

Anyhow, I am repeatedly struck, as an associate of the Association for the Aid of Discharged Convicts, with the palpable anxiety of many men who come to me that some means shall be found to enable them to gain an honest living.

Blighted hopes

Unfortunately their experience is only too frequently that of an eager, pleasant-faced, well-clad fellow, thirty-three years old, committed to my care a few months ago. An engineer by trade, he said convincingly that he was willing to tackle anything till a job in his own line turned up.

The best I could promise was to provide him with means of subsistence for a limited period, in the hope that, meanwhile, he would find work for himself. Of course, I would help in that matter too, if I could, but he must not rest too great weight on me.

"But I understood," he told me dejectedly, "that you'd get me a job of some sort right away. That's why I asked to be sent here. They said you'd given many a man a lift, and I should be all right with you. Only I must put myself entirely in your hands and not be particular what sort of job I tackled, which indeed I'm not."

It did not do much good to demonstrate that some mistake had been made, since all I had promised—all I could promise at a time like that—was to receive him and befriend him while he made an effort to get work himself with such assistance that way as it lay in my power to bestow.

A pathetic letter

Being a sensible fellow, however, he grasped the situation, and for a fortnight did his best to get a job. At the end of the fortnight he came saying he supposed that the period for which I undertook his maintenance on behalf of the Central Association had expired. When I told him we would go on for another week, at any rate, he redoubled his exertions.

That week passed, and the next. Then he was promised work with a group of others who had waited long for it, and came overjoyed to offer thanks for the help given him.

Alas! his hopes were dashed. Change of plans caused the prospective employer to postpone indefinitely the start of the big job on which it had been intended to set the men to work immediately.

Bitterly disappointed, he did not lose heart. Soon he was busy digging potatoes. That work lasted only a few days; then he left a note at my

Mr. Robert Holmes, Police Court Missionary and Probation Officer

office, stating that he had determined to try his luck elsewhere.

A fortnight later he wrote from the place to which he belonged a pathetic letter, from which I extract the following:—

I wish now I had stayed in your care a bit longer. But I thought the society (the Central Association for the Aid of Discharged Convicts) had done all I could expect, and it was time I made my way home. My friends helped me a bit, but they couldn't keep on; so yesterday I applied to the guardians and was told that, with my character, I couldn't have out-relief, but must go in the workhouse.

Now what is the good of that to me? I might as well be in prison as shut up there. So I must go on tramp, and beg about if I can find nothing to do. If I'm driven to it, I suppose I shall take something sooner than starve, but I'll keep straight if I can. I don't blame you, and I don't blame the society. I know you both did the best you could.

But why can't the guardians help a man outside the workhouse while he's honestly trying to get work? As soon as he's shown he's idle and won't have it, turn off the out-relief tap. That's fair. But give him a real chance first, else stop preaching to men in prison about reforming when they come out.

What chanced to the poor fellow after that I cannot say. A letter sent in reply was returned marked "Left," and I heard nothing more.

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But the burden of his complaint is very familiar to me. An ex-convict can seldom be persuaded to enter a workhouse willingly. He regards the sugggestion as insulting indeed.

"Has he not paid the penalty of his crime," he asks, "and is he not entitled to a chance of earning an honest living?" If work is difficult to get, why should he not be assisted to live while diligently seeking it, as other folk are?

Since he must go to the guardians when all else fails, why may he not be given out-relief? Why is he sniffed at and told that help may only be had by men of his character inside a workhouse?

Question and answer

Others may enquire why the Central Association for the Aid of Discharged Convicts cannot continue to assist a man till he is set on his feet, or else had proved himself unworthy of further help.

The answer is that the funds of the association will not permit of help being given beyond a limited period. The association exists to endeavour to afford every man a chance so far as chances are available at the moment of his release.

The theory is that in normal times it is possible for an associate to provide a job, or a man to find work for himself, within a fortnight or three weeks from the day of discharge.

When an associate is of opinion that it would be well to assist a man a little longer he recommends that course to the association, and his recommendation is usually adopted.

But no man can be maintained indefinitely at the expense of the association. In times of acute trade depression many must ultimately be told that funds are exhausted and further help must be sought from the guardians.

Helping the lame dog

The question is, Shall boards of guardians adhere to the rule which orders a man to be dealt with according to the character he has borne in the past, or shall they assume that a convict comes out of prison with offences purged, a man to be helped in every reasonable way in the difficult task of making a clean new start?

The latter course might provide many disappointments. That is the worst that can be said against its adoption, however. It could hardly be more expensive than permitting a man to prey on the public while out of prison, then maintaining him in prison at the public charge after he has been convicted afresh.

And until it is adopted by the authorities ultimately responsible for his relief, the dictum that any destitute person can obtain food and shelter honestly if he will but put himself in the way of doing so will sound unreal in the ears of an ex-convict.

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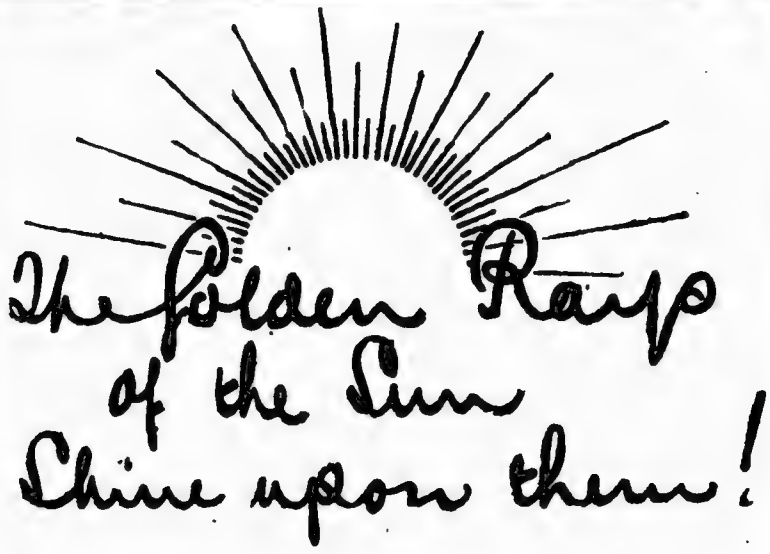

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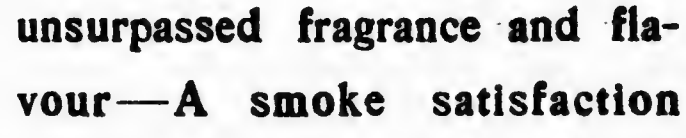

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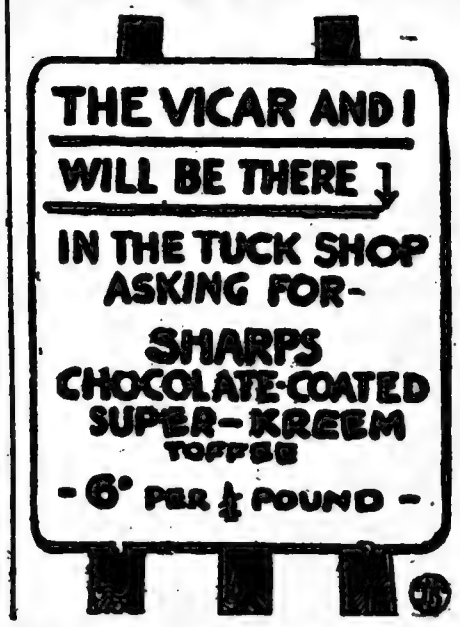

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THE MENTAL MARTYRS

A Recorder's Lament

IT must be obvious to anyone in the habit of reading the daily newspapers that there is no consistency in dealing out punishment in our courts for offences against the law. Frequently one reads of poor outcast individuals, who for various reasons have gone under in the struggle for a place in society, being sent to prison for comparatively small crimes.

On the other hand, the most outrageous conduct by people who, by virtue of their position in the world, ought to be above anything of the kind, is lightly passed over with a fine.

Motorists, for instance, are fined time after time for making themselves a danger to the public, but the peril from the escapades of road-hogs does not become appreciably lessened.

In addition to this, there are certain offences which are still dealt with by all the rigour of our penal system, instead of by the method of medical attention.

A vicious sentence

One or two instances of the inconsistency referred to will serve to show what is meant.

A poor old man, an inmate of Barnhill Poorhouse, had a brain storm a few days before Christmas. Believing he had not received his share of bread, he made a grab at a piece when it was being served, and when an official interfered, he attempted to strike him.

It may be that the old man was entirely in the wrong. That is not the question for the moment. The thing that matters is that a sentence of twenty days' imprisonment was passed for an offence that looks very trivial in comparison with others for which fines have been imposed.

As a contrast to this, we have a case that came up before the Chester magistrates about the same time. A farmer was charged with revolting cruelty to a cow.

The defence pleaded that the accused had already been severely punished. Ultimately the man was fined £25.

The chairman referred to the offence as a dastardly one, and went so far as to remark that some members of the Bench did not think the fine was adequate punishment.

The Recorder's protest

In the two cases cited, the smaller offence was punished with imprisonment, and the larger one with a fine. No one outside a lunatic asylum would attempt to justify the inconsistency.

Now let us turn to a different kind of case. At Greenock, the Sheriff-Substitute expressed his regret that the law did not permit him to pass a heavier sentence than three months' imprisonment on a labourer who had been committed for an indecent assault upon a young girl, even though the man had four times been convicted for similar offences.

Mr. E. G. Hemmerde, K.C.

The remarks of the Sheriff-Substitute are particularly interesting, because almost at the same time we have the Recorder of Liverpool (Mr. E. G. Hemmerde, K.C.) coming to an opposite conclusion when dealing with an exactly similar case.

The Recorder, instead of deploring that he could not inflict a heavier sentence, regretted that he had to send his man to prison at all. At the same time he made an emphatic protest against the stupidity of the law that compelled him to pass sentence of imprisonment.

Out-of-date methods

Undoubtedly Mr. Hemmerde is right. Incidentally, too, he touches upon the greatest weakness of our penal system. If a man goes raving mad, and actually runs amok, he is promptly dealt with and confined in the public interest. No one disputes for a moment that such a man should be put under restraint.

At the same time, we are content to go on applying the old police-court punishment to men and women who are mentally and physically abnormal. Time after time they are sentenced to terms of imprisonment, only on their release to work further havoc upon their helpless victims.

An even worse case is that of a young man who was charged at the Stratford Police Court with an offence against a girl of fourteen, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. The accused had already served three terms of three months' imprisonment and two terms of six months for indecent conduct.

It is scarcely necessary to comment upon the inadequacy of the treatment in this case.

Finally, at Grimsby, where a man was charged with improper behaviour, the solicitor defending him said, "This is a case of disease, not crime." The stipendiary's reply, "The law does not take cognisance of moral insanity," puts the position very neatly.

What, then, can be done to check the evil?

Many of the people who go wrong in the way we are considering should clearly be dealt with as mental defectives. Unfortunately, the Mental Deficiency Act (1913) requires that a person, in order to be certifiable, shall have shown signs of mental weakness, either from birth or at an early age.

Steps are being taken to remove this absurd qualification, and it is to the discredit of our politicians that the Amending Act embodying this step failed to pass last session.

Treatment before punishment

No doubt some persons who commit these offences are not mental defectives, but are suffering from some abnormality. They, too, require the attention of the doctor. They cannot be cured by imprisonment.

In July, 1924, a committee was appointed to collect information as to the prevalence of sexual offences against young persons. This committee's report was issued in December, 1925. It recommends the deletion of the words "from birth or an early age" and "from an early age" from the Act referred to. Further, it recommends that:

"After conviction, but before sentence, the Bench shall remand for a mental examination, and report all cases in which the court suspects mental disease, disorder or defect.

"That all courts shall make arrangements for the service of a mental expert to be at their disposal.

"That those who commit repeated indecent offences against young persons should be subject to prolonged detention in suitable institutions."

The essential thing about the report is that the committee recommends treatment and not merely punishment. And it must be borne in mind that the proposed treatment involves prolonged detention in suitable institutions.

The needed reform

No particular name is proposed for the institution, which must be an entirely new kind of house of detention where mental defectives and other abnormal people guilty of certain crimes, but who are not fit subjects for a lunatic asylum, can be taken care of.

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BLACK SHEEP LAWYERS

by **FRANK BRIANT, J.P., M.P.**

THERE are black sheep in every flock, even in the legal profession. Poor people are their especial prey, and for their sakes and for the good of the profession they must be wiped out

IN connection with the social work in which I give advice to thousands of persons in the course of a year, I am increasingly meeting cases where legal assistance on claims for compensation are undertaken by "societies" with alluringly philanthropic titles, but which in reality are run in the interests of touting solicitors.

Mr. Frank Briant J.P., M.P.

The circulars do not bear the names of any solicitors, for they would have a wholesome fear of the Law Society, which does not countenance anything like advertisement or touting in the profession. I have every reason to believe, however, that the so-called "societies" are only a camouflage for an objectionable type of lawyer who is not scrupulous how he obtains his clients.

Names of injured persons are obtained in various ways, and sometimes agents will be waiting outside the hospital and will proffer their services to anyone who shows evidence of some injury.

Without realising what they are doing, many people sign a paper entrusting their case to the "society," which according to the circulars issued is remunerated on a basis of 2s. in the pound on all compensation actually recovered.

Preying on sorrow

The wording of the literature is ingenious and leaves the unfortunate clients with the belief that in no circumstances will they have to pay anything unless the case is successful.

This is, however, not always so, for a poor woman came to me whose case had been fought and lost by one of these gentry and a bill of about £12 was sent to her for payment, although she had no money whatever and would certainly not have entered into litigation if she had realised that she might have to pay expenses.

I know a man who had met with an accident whilst at work who was approached by five different agents on behalf of these precious "societies."

There is sometimes a heartless absence of ordinary decency. In one case where a lad I knew had been killed late in the afternoon, I went the next morning to express my sympathy with the distressed mother.

Clever evasion

Although no notice had yet appeared in the Press, the distraught woman, not realising what she was doing, had already been persuaded to sign a paper handing over the conduct of the case to a certain firm.

On this occasion I took it out of its hands in spite of its protestations, but my threat that it could do what it liked, but that I would take care to see that if it came to court that its procedure should be exposed, was effectual in causing a hurried retreat.

The "Poor Man's Lawyer" is of great service in many districts, but even in these the organisers have on one or two occasions innocently played into the hands of the touting solicitor.

I found in two cases that the lawyer, posing as a beneficent helper of the poor, was a representative of a firm to whom he sent the clients for the actual conduct of the litigation.

Thus a lucrative supply of clients was obtained by an astute evasion of the rules of the Law Society.

The conduct of these cases by this class of legal adviser often leaves much to be desired.

I had recently one before me in which the solicitors had been dealing with, or rather neglecting, it for over four years, and then had dropped it without informing the claimants. On my representations in forcible language they revived some interest in it and a sum of £50 was recovered.

I have, of course, no proof, but a distinct suspicion, that some of these touting solicitors, whilst appearing to act for their clients, are in reality in collusion with the defendants.

Many of the poor are, of course, ignorant of their rights, and by the pressure of poverty may be persuaded to accept lower compensation than they would. have obtained had a reputable solicitor appeared for them.

I would like it to be clearly understood that I am in no way attacking the profession as a whole.

On the contrary, I have had the most helpful and generous assistance from many lawyers who have conducted cases and given advice without charging any but the out-of-pocket expenses and sometimes not even that.

Run them to earth

All I am desirous of doing is to prevent those who are not aware of the facts from entrusting their fate with the discreditable few who conduct their business on the methods indicated. It is in the interests of an honourable profession that the "tout" should be "run to earth."

The general question of legal advice for the poor is being considered by a powerful committee, of which Mr. Justice Finlay is chairman, and before which I have given evidence on the above and other points.

I am hoping that the report will suggest some method of getting rid of these parasitical growths on a great and respected profession.

The Sentence of the Court

RED TAB—RED TAPE

County Council Colonels

CHARGED with a "rank" offence against democratic sentiment, Sir George Hume, M.P., pleaded "Not guilty" and demanded a court-martial.

"The accused," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "is charged in his capacity as chairman of the L.C.C., which body, actuated, it would seem, by an admiration for the frills of militarism without its thrills, and anxious to lend an air of distinction to the undistinguished, has decided that all its officials who held the rank of captain, or higher rank, in the war, shall be referred to by their rank.

"Possibly it does not greatly matter whether a military dug-out who has dug himself into a comfortable municipal job is referred to as 'Comrade' or 'Brigadier-General,' but this absurd attempt to revive war-time labels is undoubtedly a retrograde step.

"It certainly will not make for efficiency if (say) the Comptroller-General of Window Signs, who, having had a front-line job, found himself at the end of the war a 'rank' outsider, has to assume an attitude of military humility toward a clerk who may have been a G.H.Q.-cumberer throughout the war and become a major through effluxion of time.

"After the American Civil War 'colonels' were as numerous as are 'nuts' in our own Foreign Office, so that an honoured military title became a jest. Much the same would happen here if heels had to be clicked and hands brought to the salute every time a battle-scared colonel or major guiltless of a foeman's blood called to inspect a dog licence or leave a rates notice."

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Mr. Straw-splitter said that his learned friend had treated them to much facetious "title"-tattle, but had offered no valid reason for depriving men in peace time of titles of distinction gained in time of war. It appeared to be assumed that, the war having been safely won, those who had won it could be safely ignored.

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"Unfortunately," said Mr. Justice Bull, "the man who did most toward winning the war, the ordinary front-line trench warrior, is pointedly ignored under the terms of this L.C.C. ukase.

"No distinctive form of address is bestowed upon ex-Service men as such, but any ex-Service man—that is to say, one whose work as a fighter may have been an unknown quality, but who was in a strategic position when promotions were being rattled—is to be addressed by his military title.

"Speaking generally, no colonel is a hero to his batman, and 'civil' relations between the two won't be improved if an ex-batman holding a superior position with the L.C.C. has to salute his inferior 'superior officer' before rebuking him for carelessness. Nothing is gained by addressing a man with the deference due to his rank while dressing him down with the lack of deference due to his rank incompetence.

"This attempt to decorate civil life with the trappings of militarism and to bestow titles suggestive of swords and red tabs upon men associated with pens and red-tape is illogical and undemocratic.

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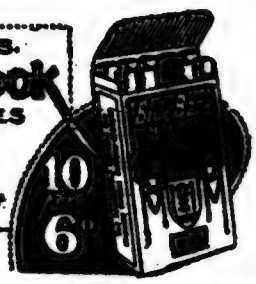

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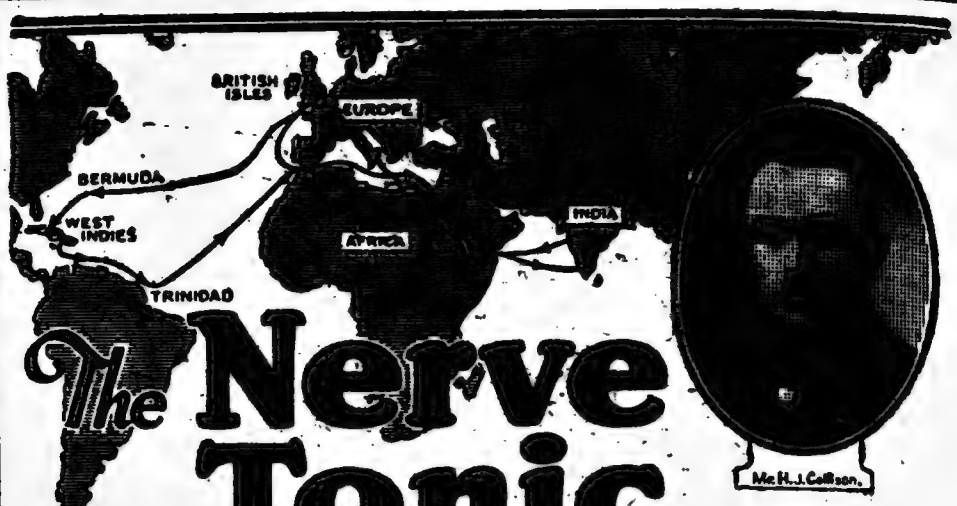

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A BARBAROUS BAPTISM

by **MABEL HORNER**

CRUELTY is abhorrent to all the best instincts in the human race. That is why, even when backed by social usage and tradition, it is bound to give way before the pressure of humane and enlightened public opinion

THERE is exhilaration in the hunt. To that I testify, not from participation, but from what I have observed in otherwise gentle and kindly-hearted neighbours. The bright sunshine, the keen air, the meet, with its early breakfast and neighbourliness, give a glamour to the chase that stirs the blood and clouds the intellect as to its issues.

That makes it more difficult, but does not absolve us from the duty of putting down the terrible cruelty to animals and the wrong to little children involved.

We are past the time when in this country we need to hunt animals either for personal defence or to procure food.

We are reduced to the shameful and pitiful expedient of actually breeding our victims in order to chase them to death and enjoy the horrid spectacle of seeing their fright and flurry and their bodies torn and scattered in quivering, bleeding fragments. This we call "sport."

The devil's baptism

And to carry on the tradition into new generations that, left to themselves, might come naturally to a nobler mind, we take our children in hand while they are too young to think for themselves, and initiate them into the mysteries of the chase by giving them a baptism of blood.

"Blooding" is the initiation ceremony of the hunter. The bleeding pad or brush of the worried fox or otter is taken, and the gory emblem smeared over the newcomer's face. In the case of stags being done to death it has been known for a handful of hot blood to be thrown in the face.

"I looked upon the face of a little child," wrote Michael Fairless in one of her books, "and then I knew that I looked upon God." Well, here among my Press cuttings are photographs of little children of any one of whom that might be said. But they have been given, not that gentle blessing, but, hot from the quivering body of the chased fox, the hunted otter, or the martyred stag, a devil's baptism of blood.

This "blooding" of children is a sin. To give a happy little child a grinning

Blooded! A picture that should cause every mother to burn with indignant shame!

mask or brush all bleeding from the kill is a horrid and disgusting thing.

I own and treasure a most remarkable book of cuttings gathered from the daily Press. It is full of stories of animal devotion: the dog that saves its owner from death, the wild animal that responds to care and understanding.

We punish those who injure dog, cat or goat. We teach humanity in our schools and legislate for the beast of burden. Yet we nullify all, and stand as self-confessed hypocrites, so long as we perpetuate the senseless cruelties of hunting.

The hunt is an anachronism in our midst, doomed to disappear as surely as bear-baiting and cock-fighting. But the process can be hurried up. The "blooding" of children can be stopped.

An immediate stop could be put to the unsporting and mean expedient of "digging out" a victim who has put up a gallant fight for life and managed to run to earth.

A call to the Church

But a step further must be taken to rid ourselves of the inglorious spirit that can find any pleasure at all in the hunting of innocent things to death.

We call ourselves a Christian country; we have a national Church. We have three archbishops, forty-one bishops, and, besides a host of lesser dignitaries, 12,932 incumbents.

This host is partly State-supported, because we think there is something fine in Christianity, something worth preserving that the world would be much poorer without.

But if there is one thing that Christianity teaches it is that cruelty is abhorrent, that the strong must be kind to the weak, that justice and mercy must have first place, *and that a call is always sounding in the heart of man to deliberately choose and take a higher path.*

I call its professional exponents to my side. There are plenty of fitly proper games and sports and trials of strength for growing youth. But the hunt must go. It is a discord in the growing harmony of life we must promote.

Are women the gentler sex in deed and truth? Let them prove it by rallying to the side of those whose eyes have been opened to the cruel barbarity of all blood sports.

Lamps for Monkeys!

by **MRS. STELLA CHURCHILL, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., L.C.C.**

EVERY year, as our annual November fogs arrive, we wonder why nothing is done to stop this plague. It should surely not be beyond the wit of man to devise some means by which fog, in our great cities, could be made less dangerous, uncomfortable and exasperating.

A London fog is made black by reason of the coal which is allowed to escape into the air from factory chimneys, the domestic hearth and steam-engines.

The rays of the sun, besides giving us warmth and light, also give off invisible or chemical rays, about which a great deal has been written lately describing the value of "ultra violet" sunshine.

We cannot see these rays, but their presence has been proved by scientific experiments, and the absence of them helps to cause diseases which are rife in our big towns, such as rickets, anæmia and tuberculosis.

IT has recently been shown that window glass prevents these rays entering the house, even when the blinds are not pulled down to keep out the ordinary sunshine.

They can, however, pass through quartz or through a new kind of glass made in Birmingham, called "vita glass." (Any one who wants to know further about this subject should write to the Sunlight League, 29, Gordon Street, W.C.)

This "vita glass" has been actually installed in the windows of a school in Smethwick and also in the monkey-house at the Zoo. As there is very little sunshine in the many months of English winter, the animals at the Zoo have artificial sunshine put into their cages in the form of large carbon arc lamps which give off heat and ultra violet rays.

THE monkeys greatly appreciate this warmth and light, as is shown by their good, cheerful behaviour and general improvement in health.

Children of our slum districts are, however, not allowed to have such lamps installed in their cages—or should we say rabbit-warrens?—as the Ministry of Health still considers that this work is in the "experimental stage," so anyone who wishes to start a lamp for delicate children in a slum area must bear the whole expense.

(It might be pertinent to enquire who pays for the lamps at the Zoo?)

It is well known that many doctors are installing such lamps in their own bathrooms, for a daily exposure of five to ten minutes to these rays invigorates and refreshes the tired brain worker. The manual worker, however, is compelled to find recreation and refreshment in other ways, for only the very sick can get such treatment at hospital.

Every time a Bill is brought in to deal with the smoke nuisance, powerful vested interests prevent its being passed into law, with the result that our cities continue to be abominations of dirt and disease.

What we want is power to compel factories to consume their own smoke, to encourage the use of coke on the domestic hearth and to electrify, as in some American cities, all trains entering and leaving our big towns. If this were done, together with a proper provision of open spaces, there would be more of these life-giving rays in our city air.

To-day dwellers in our slum streets, whose landladies will not allow them to put the baby in the garden, can only open the best parlour window, and let the baby lie in the direct light of the sun.

SUNSHINE is the best disinfectant we know; it not only kills germs, but it kills the far more dangerous enemy, the misery of the human heart.

The glass which keeps out the rays from our school children might be replaced by vita glass or by no glass at all, for everyone knows that the way to keep people well is to live as much as possible in the open air.

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"I AM only a girl of nineteen, but I am compelled to come to a decision on a very grave matter.

"My mother was an only child who was brought up in comfort. She was left an orphan at eighteen, and having no one to look after her except a distant relative, who never troubled to warn her, she at once started to give herself what she thought was a good time.

"It was not long before she met and married my father, who quickly shattered love's young dream and broke my poor mother's heart.

"He spent all her money on drink and other women, and after he had got through her little fortune he sold up our home and went off with someone else, leaving my mother almost penniless with three children to keep.

"One of the children died almost immediately through lack of nourishment, and then some good soul took the rest of us in and mother learnt to work in a factory.

"After a year or two of bitter struggle she got a little home together. Then my father came crawling back for forgiveness, and soon afterwards repaid her generosity by treating her as badly as before.

"THE climax came on the last occasion my father deserted her, leaving her with an illegitimate child of his which he had persuaded her to adopt. This seemed to break my mother's spirit, and she began to go down the wrong path.

"I, as the eldest, was left most of the time to manage the home and look after the younger ones, and you can well understand that from the age of sixteen I have been left with few delusions about life.

'A year ago my mother met a man a little older than herself, and a very deep affection seems to have sprung up between them. He seems to possess such an influence over her that she has given up her bad companions and mended her ways.

"I am ever so thankful to see her becoming once more like the mother I learnt to love, but—and it is a very big but—this man wishes her to go and live with him as his mistress. Worst of all, she appears determined to do so, and has asked me to share their home. There is no hope whatever of their marrying, for he has a wife who has deserted him."

"HUMANIST" says: *If you cannot dissuade your mother from her determination, I strongly advise you to make this your cross-roads and take the path of purity and safety. Evil-minded men might consider a girl living in such a household "fair game," to use their horrible expression, and if you consult the secretary of the Girls' Friendly Society or of the Y.W.C.A., either of them will most gladly help you to find suitable accommodation for yourself, where your own life may prove a beacon that will guide your mother back to the right road.*

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"MY friend, now twenty-three, spent some years in a reformatory. After his release he obtained work as a shop-assistant. He has made good, and his position is steadily improving, so much so that he has married and settled into a comfortable home.

Trading on a Secret

"One day, when he was outside the shop cleaning the window, another young fellow came up and started a conversation, recalling to my friend's mind that they had been chums at the reformatory.

"The newcomer admitted that he had just finished a short term of imprisonment and, pleading that he was down and out, asked to be given a shake-down for a few days.

"My friend took him home, but he is now bitterly repenting his kindness. The other fellow has turned out to be an absolute scoundrel and simply stays there sponging on my friend, practically blackmailing him into giving him money and clothes by threatening to go to his employer with a cock-and-bull story of their having been associated together in some wrongdoing.

"It is hard enough for a reformatory boy to make good without being terrorised by his old associates. Yet some employers are easily scared and my friend is really afraid that he might get the 'sack.' What should he do?"

"HUMANIST" says: *Your friend is more likely to get the "sack" if he continues to harbour and consort with such a young scoundrel than if he makes a clean breast of the position to his employer. The best thing he can do is to report the matter to the police, who will quickly find means for dealing with the unreformed one.*

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"I WONDER how many hundreds of poor fellows are being hurt to-day in the same way as my husband, who is suffering from consumption. If those who show such lack of consideration as he receives could only understand the daily and hourly torture of those who are afflicted by this dread disease, they surely would not double the suffering by their attitude to the sufferers.

Doubling Suffering

"My husband contracted consumption during the war, but he gets no pension. Each week when the landlady calls for the rent the neighbours witness a little scene which makes them burn with indignation.

"After knocking, the landlady muffles up her mouth and nose and stands as far as possible from the door as though the place were a pest-house. She will not on any account enter my home, although it is spotlessly clean, and is continually being disinfected.

"I can leave it to your imagination to realise how terribly this upsets my poor husband.

"The woman goes into all her other tenants' houses to collect their rents, and it is very painful for me to have to go outside in this fashion to hand her her money. Do you think I could refuse to give it to her unless she comes inside?"

"HUMANIST" says: *Your landlady has perhaps not thought of the pain which her attitude inflicts upon your husband, and you should tell her of it. The simplest solution is to ask her not to call at all. She is under no obligation to do so; indeed, you as tenant can be compelled to send or take the rent to her, and you can save your husband such mortification in this way.*

Tremendous Trifles

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"A NUISANCE and a pest to all in the house is the only way in which I can describe my brother, who is nearly thirty years of age.

Character at Home

"My father has repeatedly threatened to throw him out owing to his disgraceful behaviour, and has only refrained from doing so through consideration for my mother. She, unfortunately, has been ill for many years, and as he is the only son he has been rather a spoilt darling, and she has always taken his part in the disputes which occur almost daily.

"Things have come to such a pass that my sister and I have had to say that we shall be compelled to leave home if he does not mend his ways, but, of course, we should not like to leave our mother without the attention for which she relies upon us.

"Lately, a fresh problem has presented itself. My worthless brother has made acquaintance with a respectable young woman who is, I am sure, quite ignorant of his character, and I cannot help wondering whether I should not let her know exactly what sort of scoundrel my brother is. Should I tell her or allow her to go on being deceived?"

"HUMANIST" says: *Your father as head of his household must decide whether to turn your brother out or not. If you think the young woman is deceived, try to arrange for her to visit your home. Unless she is very dull-witted, she should soon be able to discover his true character from the way in which he behaves in the family circle.*

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A Prowling Motorist

"I have recently become engaged, and my girl tells me that a few months ago a motorist persuaded her to go for a ride and behaved offensively to her. He still prowls about the neighbourhood and I would like to know if I am not entitled to give him a good hiding."

"Humanist" says: *Your feelings are quite natural, but you have no right to administer chastisement, however well it might be deserved. You should both ignore the prowler, but if he should attempt further objectionable advances inform the police.*

Pathetic Old-Age

"A neighbour, a woman who must be over eighty years of age, is in great distress. She has no idea where she was born and can only remember the mill where she worked as a child. A son who is terribly poor tries to support her, but can do little. Is there no way of getting her the old-age pension?"

"Humanist" says: *Let her apply in the ordinary way and ask the assistance of the pensions officer in establishing her age. If he will not be bothered—some are not as helpful as they might be—consult the Ministry of Health at Whitehall.*

A Silent Tyrant

"I have a friend who has been married for close on forty years to a heartless tyrant, a selfish, hypocritical, silent man, who allows her no visitors. She is now ill in bed, but he will not permit her to have a doctor. What can be done?"

"Humanist" says: *It should be pointed out to him that if anything should happen to his bedridden wife owing to his neglect to obtain medical assistance for her he might get himself into very serious trouble. If he cannot afford a private practitioner, the parish doctor should be called in.*

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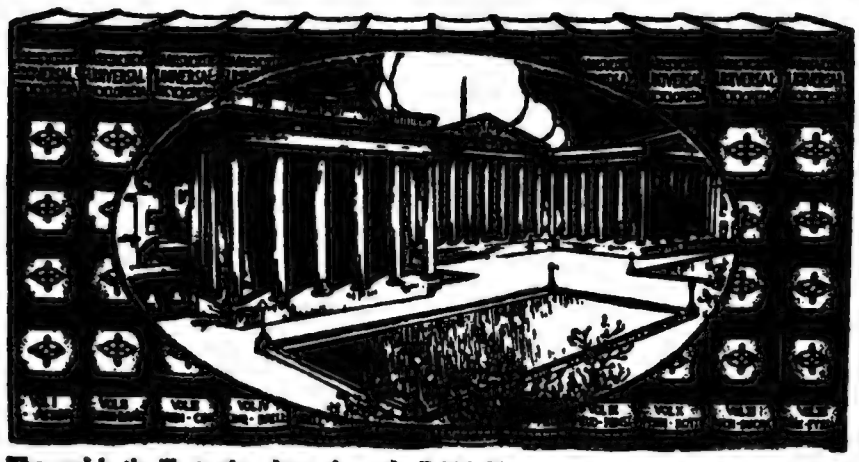

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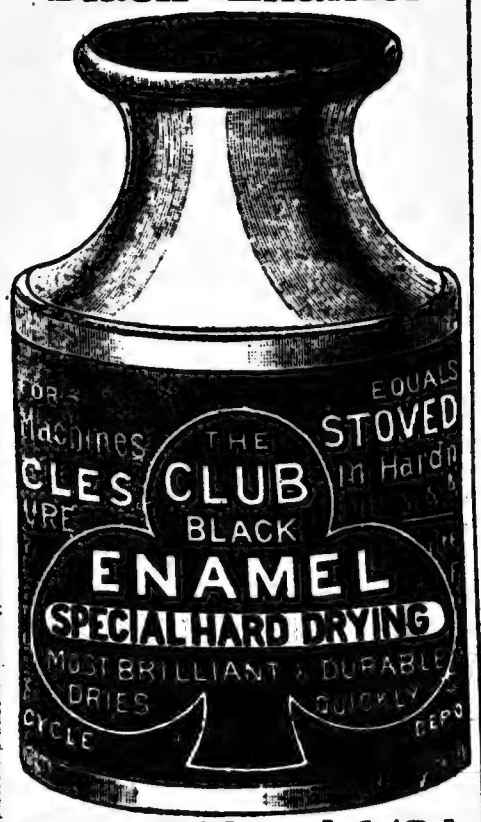

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Scientists are working out ways and means for making a rapid and complete survey of the unknown sources of water and valuable metals beneath the desert sands. The surveys will be conducted from airships carrying special types of wireless apparatus now being developed for the purpose.

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The first practical application was made by the German Colonial Office in 1914, for the purpose of finding water in South-west Africa. The trials were successful, and the further development of the idea has been made the subject of special research at Berlin.

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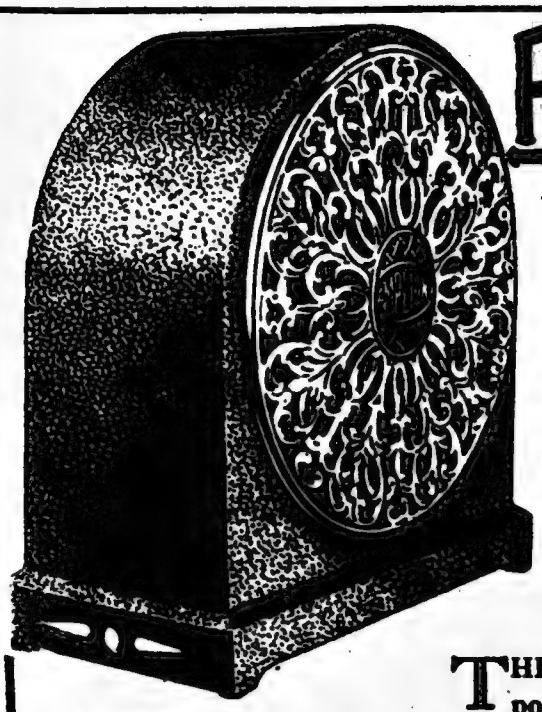

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Herod the Second

Bishops in Blinkers—The Taunting Ticket—Baldwin's Bleat

THE Rt. Hon. Christopher Addison, in JOHN BULL of January 22, attributes the decadence of land-workers' children to bad home conditions and lack of sufficient good food. These in turn can be attributed to the starvation wages paid to land labourers, and it is little short of scandalous that men who work probably the longest hours should receive the most miserable pay. The burden falls heavily on the children, and it is a national duty to put the matter right. We cannot build an A1 nation from a C3 childhood.—*W. Leece, Everton.*

The Brake on the Wheel

It is generally known that the die-hard Tory of the rural areas is resolutely opposed to education for the poor. His own children are "expensively" educated, and in many cases they utterly waste their opportunities of acquiring even the most elementary form of culture. Yet to encourage a "common" person, who would make good use of his opportunities to do more than read and write, is rabid Socialism. The tumble-down barn of a village school, with its often illiterate teachers, is good enough for such as he.—*Associate, Bury St. Edmunds.*

The Teachers' Kink

The Rt. Hon. Christopher Addison's article on the decline in the fitness of many country children reminds me that, as manager, I once tried to make rural schools take more account of seasonal ways. Teachers stress punctuality irrespective of weather, so that children from a distance sometimes arrive, rain-sodden and fatigued, with nothing to fortify their damp bodies over school hours, except a piece of bread, often dry. We shall yet bitterly realise that the schools are for the children, not the children for the schools.—*Ex-Manager, Brighton.*

An Iniquitous Policy

When, in 1922, the Government reduced by two-thirds the grant for the provision of meals for poor children in schools, JOHN BULL protested that such callous conduct would mean the lowering of physique and decreased efficiency. That its prophecy was a true one is proved by Dr. Addison's review of the results. Not only is such a policy iniquitous in ethics, but it is grossly wasteful, as a weak and underfed child cannot take advantage of the education provided.—*Mac, Aylesbury.*

Murderous Economy

Your contributor remarks that, at the existing high level of food prices, it is impossible for the agricultural worker to feed his children adequately. The same may be said of the miner, who is trying to rear future citizens on 6s. 8d. a day. We heard a lot about "baby killers" during the war, but surely the Government which practises economy at the cost of little children comes within that category.—*A. R., Sunderland.*

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A Cupboard Bedroom

Bad housing has spelt ruin for many little lives. In my town two adults, three children, and a girl of sixteen are sleeping in one room. Two sleep in a cupboard, in danger of suffocation. There must be less building of cruisers and more houses. —*L. J. B., Surrey.*

The Church's Chance

Does it never occur to the Bishops that within sight of their own particular cathedrals rotten houses are legion, and vice and poverty abound? If they wish to make the Church a vital force in the nation they will lead a campaign against these glaring evils. The ordinary citizen will then appreciate their leadership and will flock to the pews, not because of any change in the Prayer-book, but because the Church stands for real justice and decent treatment for all men.—*H., Durham.*

Is it Peace?

In every paper and public speech one hears of industrial peace, especially in the mining world. Never was there such a mockery. When one meets men every pay-day, taking less than ten shillings home, and, in the case of surface-workers, often having nothing at all after working three or four days, when deductions have been made for rents, etc., and then having to apply for Poor Law relief to support their family and themselves, it is folly to talk of peace and good will. The feeling in the coalfield is more bitter than ever.—*Miner, Doncaster.*

The Prison Baby

I was surprised to read Miss Mabel Horner's article on the treatment of women during pregnancy at Holloway Prison. When I recently visited the jail I was particularly impressed with the provision of comfortable lying-in ward, cots by mother's bedside and day nursery. Five babies were in cots on the lawn, and were never left without a nurse.—*F. I. P., London, N.*

Fettered Freedom

I was glad to note your comment in JOHN BULL of January 22 on the ticket-of-leave system—namely, that "when a man has earned his remission, he should be set free unconditionally." The very fact of his having earned it shows that he is on the right track again, and it is up to the authorities to free him from any stigma that may hamper him in his new life.—*E. A. Lugard, Devon.*

A Doubtful Benefit

Could not something be done to alter the Unemployment Insurance Act regarding "seasonable workers." A quay labourer, for instance, works perhaps for six months in the year, and during that time has the usual employé's insurance deducted from his wages. When applying at the employment exchange for benefit, his claim is turned down on the ground of his work being "seasonable occupation." It seems grossly unfair that these men should be compelled to pay insurance when their occupation renders them ineligible for benefit.—*J. W. A. B., Lowestoft.*

Get Off the Nest!

When the Prime Minister states that his job is a lonely one, he puts me in mind of what we call in Yorkshire a "clucking hen." If he can't hatch the problem eggs of to-day, why does he not get off the nest and let someone else try? There are many capable men as brainy as Mr. Baldwin, who would be thankful of his lonely job at £5,000 per annum. And then, perhaps, from the nest would pop the settlement of profiteering, housing, unemployment and land problems.—*A Working Woman, Yorks.*

"Hospital Ballot Failure"

The article in your last issue and your placards headed "Hospital Ballot Failure" have caused some confusion in the minds of the public as to which ballot or ballots you referred to. May I ask you to make it clear by this letter that you do not refer to any ballot or competition conducted by the British Charities Association, which, in the last three years, has paid out £92,000 in prize-money, and has distributed over £148,000 to hospitals throughout the country and whose announcements have appeared regularly in your columns?—*Norman Moore, Director, British Charities Assoc., Kingsway House, Kingsway, W.C.*

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AN inspector who called to check my meter the other morning remarked that I appeared to have burned the midnight electricity—the units had gone up with a bang. I told him that I had spent the last two nights studying the weights for the Lincoln and National. His reply was: "What do you know, sir?"

I KNOW that the safest plan is to sit on the shelf until the acceptances appear, but this will not satisfy the long-shot fiends. To cut the cackle and come to the horses, in the Lincoln I consider that St. Fortunat, 8 st. 6, Friar Wile, 7 st, 12, and Melon, 7 st. 10, are nicely handicapped.

TEMPTING weights in the big 'chase are Master Billie and Pop Ahead, both on the 10 st. 8, and Jack Horner, although he has gone up over a stone since last March, will have to be respected.

I SEE no reason why the owners of these entries should fail to accept, and I suggest that they be coupled up as follows:—

Lincolnshire.	Grand National.
MASTER BILLIE	FRIAR WILE
MASTER BILLIE	MELON
POP AHEAD	MELON
POP AHEAD	FRIAR WILE
JACK HORNER	ST. FORTUNAT
JACK HORNER	MELON

SO far I have not landed the big double for the benefit of JOHN BULL readers, but I have had "one leg" in my long-shots on two occasions—Jack Horner last year and Master Robert in 1924. I hope this time pays for all.

"BOB" DENMAN, despite his seventy years, has decided to come back to England to look after the preparation of Asterus and Banstar for their English engagements this coming season. He will apply for a temporary licence to train here for the season, and in all probability the two horses will remain in England until the end of the year. The veteran meant to retire last year, but has been prevailed on to continue for another year at least.

"Bob" Denman, the Anglo-French trainer

I SHALL be pleased to see "Bob" saddle some big winners, but I hope he does not repeat the mistake made when he brought over Ptolemy to win our Derby. The French failure arrived with a great flourish of trumpets and a guard of detectives who objected to anyone having a close view of the horse. 'Tecs are quite all right, but nobody will run away with Asterus or Banstar.

A CORRESPONDENT has asked me to let him know the name of the first Lincoln entry to catch the new 'flu or some other mysterious ailment. Having a good memory he recollects that Cinderella and Mercutio had dicky legs, Berrilldon broke blood vessels, Soranus, according to the Newmarket touts, was fat, Granely suffered from an internal complaint as a three-year-old and, in more recent years, Tapin had boils and a bad temper. But they all won. These are the type of horses he likes for the Carholme race.

HURRY ON stock had such a wonderful season last year, mainly thanks to Coronach, that his sons, Call Boy and Applecross, have been seized upon as likely to win the Classics open to colts, and as a result backers may be tempted to take the long odds which can be secured. They may win, of course, but in common with the rest of the two-year-olds, their form was not too convincing, and it may be as well to remember that Beckhampton shelters a couple of dark colts by the famous stallion which have not yet faced a starter. Both are entered for the Derby.

ONE is Caledon, a full brother to Coronach, and the other is Messenger Boy. The latter is by Fifinella, so can claim a substitute Leger winner and a substitute Oaks winner for parents, and is owned by Mr. "Manna" Morriss. A friend of mine who has visited Beckhampton tells me that both are typical sons of Hurry On, good and big. I always have been of the opinion that bigness plays an important part in the success o Hurry On horses. A good big 'un can naturally beat a good little 'un.

SIXTY years a sportsman! This is the proud record of the Earl of Coventry who has recently reached the splendid innings of ninety not out. I do not suppose that many racegoers knew that the grand old veteran is one of the few men living—if not the only one—who played an important part in the formation of the body which presides over the jumping game, the National Hunt Committee. This was as far back as 1866.

A FEW years ago the earl was still taking a great interest in the flat, although he never ran horses over the sticks. I do not think he has ever won a Classic race, but any number of good handicaps have come his way. He scored one of his greatest triumphs when Verdict pipped the Frenchman, Epinard, in the 1923 Cambridgeshire.

FIVE to four was not a wonderful price for my code selection, Golden Chain, but this was the penalty for putting George Duller in the saddle. However, I was very pleased to see Templeman's horse score at Newbury, as he broke a tantalising sequence of code seconds, and I was beginning to think that I was qualifying for Yellow Jack's position. Following Dowser, my 100 to 7 winner, the next four were: Capricious, 5 to 1; Pivotal, 5 to 1; Outward Bound, 8 to 1; and His Luck, 5 to 1; all four ran into second berth.

FRANK TEMPLEMAN deserves a pat on the back for getting a race out of Golden Chain. The four-year-old is by Son-in-Law, but he is one of this useful handicapper's disappointing sons. He ran fourteen times on the flat without being in the first three. He has taken more kindly to the jumping game and will most likely win again before the season ends.

M. HENNESSY, the owner of Lutteur III., the last French horse to win the Grand National, has arranged for Tony Escott to ride for him in France when possible, and I understand that he is seeking expert advice in this country regarding the development of plans for more frequent English entries at jumping meetings. He is a Grand National enthusiast and seldom misses a meeting on the Aintree course.

"SILVER RING."

FOR YOUR NOTE-BOOK

JANIRA was a very hot order last time out but was not suited by the conditions. Martin's five-year-old should be given another chance at Gatwick.

IRSTOCK.—The best has not been seen of Gore's smart young 'chaser. The gelding must not be missed for the Surrey H'cap 'Chase on Thursday.

RATHCOOLE.—I tipped Rathcoole in these hints the last time he ran and won. T. Leader's improved jumper should pick up the Mole H'cap 'Chase at Sandown.

OUTWARD BOUND.—Second for the code at 8 to 1 last time out, should be backed again, each way, on Saturday, in the Cardinal's Hurdle Race.

D. D. B.—Short for Dum-Dum Bullet, has a good chance of beating several Grand National horses in the Price of Wales H'cap Steeplechase. This event is also scheduled for Saturday.

AMPULLA.—If sent south to contest the Experimental 'Chase—is my star selection of the week. Sir Lycett Green's horse was favourite in his last venture, but slipped up, very unluckily, after taking the water jump.

Two coded selections will be given daily in the following papers:—

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The code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Wednesday, February 2, to Tuesday, February 8.

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4 HOME.—Burnley, Preston, Doncaster, Halifax.
3 AWAY.—Bolton, Stockport, Bristol C.
3 DRAWS.—Hull v. Middlesbrough, Watford v. Plymouth, Crystal Palace v. Bournemouth.
3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Portsmouth, Preston, Bradford, Bolton, New Brighton.
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LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.
HOME WINNERS.—Arsenal, Bolton, Bury, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Manchester Un., Sunderland.
AWAY WINNERS.—Burnley, Newcastle.
DRAWS.—Blackburn v. Leicester, West Bromwich v. Tottenham.

LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.
HOME WINNERS.—Clapton, Grimsby, Middlesbrough, Notts. Forest, Reading, Southampton, Swansea.
AWAY WINNERS.—Preston, Chelsea.
DRAWS.—Blackpool v. Portsmouth, Port Vale v. Hull.

LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Northern).
HOME WINNERS.—Barrow, Chesterfield, Hartlepools, New Brighton, Stockport, Wrexham.
AWAY WINNERS.—Rochdale, Halifax.
DRAWS.—Ashington v. Stoke, Crewe v. Accrington, Nelson v. Bradford.

LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Southern).
HOME WINNERS.—Aberdare, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol C., Newport, Norwich, Plymouth.
AWAY WINNERS.—Millwall, Swindon.
DRAW.—Luton v. Southend.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
HOME WINNERS.—Clyde, Cowdenbeath, Falkirk, Hibs., Queen's Park, Glasgow Rangers.
AWAY WINNERS.—Airdrie, Motherwell.
DRAWS.—Dundee v. Celtic, Hamilton v. Aberdeen.

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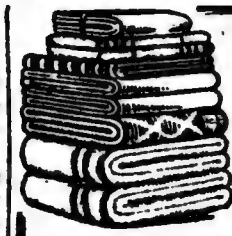

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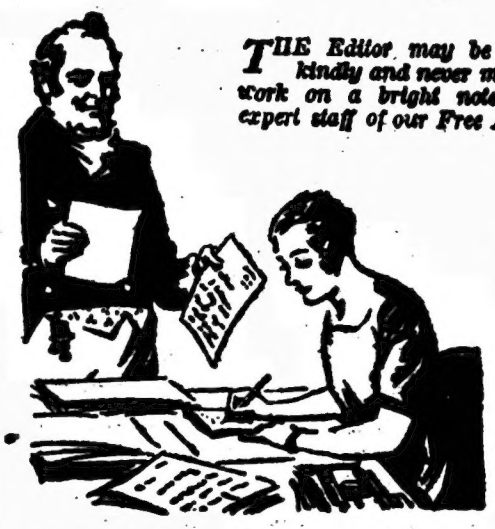

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.

R. L. (Chatham).—"February is here." Audited and found correct.

J. T. J. (Leicester).—"I will sing you the refrain." Don't sing it—do it!

MILLIE (Birmingham).—"I make artificial eyes." Not at the men, we trust.

W. W. C. (Bristol).—"All the world loves a lover." And laughs at his letters.

P. E. M. (Teddington).—"Have you ever seen a shark?" Don't you ever read JOHN BULL?

C. R. (Barrow).—"I have a good position." But have you a good disposition?

L. H. B. (Woking).—"Your paper is filled with rubbish." We are printing another pearl or two this week.

M. A. P. (Freshwater).—"I am an enthusiastic angler." You mean you like to lie about fishing.

H. N. G. (Brighton).—"My wife is wearing her skirts shorter." Retaliate by making her wear her jumpers longer.

JESSIE (Tipton).—"I referred him to mother." If he really loves you he will take you without a reference.

W. W. (Walsall).—"It was expensive in the end." Most things one tries to get for nothing are.

R. S. A. (Sheffield).—"There's only one thing prevents me from marrying her." That's her, we guess.

D. S. (Barrow).—"Anything left open at both ends can be sent by book post." How about a pair of pants?

M. A. (Bromley).—"Americans give themselves airs." Especially when we give them heiresses.

J. Y. (Swindon).—"I gave away over £1 in tips while I was in Brighton." And how many years did you live there?

F. O. R. (Chingford).—"She says there's something she likes about me." Don't spend it too recklessly.

"POET" (Lincoln).—"I wanted his opinion on my work, but he fell asleep while I was reading." He gave it.

J. H. (Colchester).—"What would you do if you had Henry Ford's income?" What would he do if he had ours?

M. K. (West Kirby).—"Have you seen the pig with two heads?" No, but we know a man with a thousand hands.

F. M. A. (Newport).—"The jury acquitted him on the grounds of insanity." Were the whole twelve mad?

T. J. (Runcorn).—"My boy has the brains of a Cabinet Minister." Get him into a nice, kind home before it is too late.

H. J. (Hammersmith).—"I'm selling quite a lot of poems similar to enclosed." Then all we can say is it's awfully clever of you.

W. H. T. (Bradford).—"What was Gladstone chiefly famous for?" Pelmanism. They have raised many monuments to his memory.

G. G. (Loughborough).—"I can't imagine why a girl always shuts her eyes when a fellow kisses her." If you look in the glass you may find out.

R. S. (Cardiff).—"What is your favourite game?" Pheasant *en casserole*.

M. S. G. (Morden).—"I hear you were born in London. Which part?" All of us.

G. H. (Henley).—"The early bird catches the worm." And the late husband merely catches it.

W. J. (Otley).—"I think you sometimes strain your points." That's what makes them so clear.

B. R. (St. Ives).—"When I have a glass of beer I feel another man." And then he has one, too?

D. D. S. (Hunslet).—"I have lost the MS. of my new revue." Can't anybody remember the other joke?

A. B. (Swansea).—"He said he wanted travellers to push this car." We fancy we know the make.

JOHN L. (Pudsey).—"The cheap motor-bike is here to stop." Yes, we understand that's the trouble.

J. J. (Margate).—"I shall never feel right until summer." We're sorry we can't make it hot for you.

MRS. T. (Brixton).—"A woman should be willing to work for her husband." And even then she can't always get one.

T. C. (Clacton).—"I told the commissionaire that he was a dressed-up dummy." You must have been put out

MRS. K. (St. Albans).—"This last spell of winter is most severe." We were afraid the secret would leak out.

M. F. T. (Bexhill).—"I should like to know who sat on your right hand at that dinner." Nobody; we kept it for eating with.

M. B. (Cockermouth).—"London is riddled with dark, secret crimes." Such as trying the gas meter slot with a foreign coin.

MRS. H. (Glasgow).—"What is to become of the human race?" That all depends upon whether the car or the cradle wins.

MRS. F. (Richmond).—"Faith without works is dead." In other words, it's useless to set the alarm clock that has lost its insides.

MISS L. (Liverpool).—"She told me the first years of my married life will be unhappy." And after that you'll get hardened to it.

H. D. (Lancaster).—"He bashed my hat, threw me down, and tried to stamp on my face." Was he trying to hint that he didn't like you?

M. B. (Rushden).—"I'm proud to say I can work all day without drinking." Many men can drink all day without working, but they don't make a boast of it.

B. T. (Aylesbury).—"She scorned my suit." Press it again.

A. B. (Epsom).—"I can't afford a car." Perhaps you can a Ford.

D. N. (Rainham).—"She knits me socks, ties and waistcoats." What a purl of a girl!

T. N. (Highgate).—"No cause is helped by the throwing of mud." No. Ground is lost.

J. T. (Holborn).—"Pickpockets in London have never worried me." Why? Married?

M. N. (Woodend).—"My landlord wants to get us out." Aren't you taking any notice?

D. P. (Leeds).—"I frequently go to sleep with the wireless headphones on." We know those talks!

L. H. (Durham).—"She's a woman who lets her tongue run on." We expect somebody catches it.

A. L. (Drayton).—"A man can't live decently without an income." Some men can't live within an income.

M. T. (Leicestor).—"I have accepted an invitation to judge a baby show." Heroism is not yet dead!

D. P. (Hayes).—"Our servant is very interested in world politics." We hope she's not hard on China.

L. T. (Chorley).—"I made my first stroke at golf on a village green." That was a bit out of the common.

G. M. (Mitcham).—"How can the modern girl get a run for her money?" By buying cheap stockings.

T. L. (Salterton).—"What is the best thing to do when a dog bites you?" Take your hand out of its mouth.

J. E. (Thornton Heath).—"I don't know what to get for my wife—she'll be forty next week." What, again? Well, win her one of those gold wrist-watches in *Bullets* this week.

B. Y. (Amersham).—"In one afternoon my husband chopped three trees down for firewood." He's a jolly good feller!

T. A. (Rugby).—"Our new lodger is the thinnest man I've ever seen." We suppose you put him in the spare room.

ELLIE (Doncaster).—"One touch of Nature makes the whole world kin." And just a touch of sunburn makes the whole world skin.

HESTER (Birmingham).—"Do you think you would like a girl like me for secretary?" Perhaps, if she w'n't too much like you.

P. L. (Smethwick).—"He offered to sell me his collection of racy French novels at twopence each." Did he say they were dirt cheap?

MISS D. (Micklefield).—"Are there good bargains going in town this January?" We believe a good many quilts and cushions are down.

T. L. (Louth).—"My daughter wants to be a screen star and I'm going to start her spring-cleaning to distract her mind." But moving pictures will probably remind her of films.

NORA F. (Sydenham).—"Though I have only known him a month, I have already found him a perfect lover." And have you asked him where he got the practice that makes perfect?

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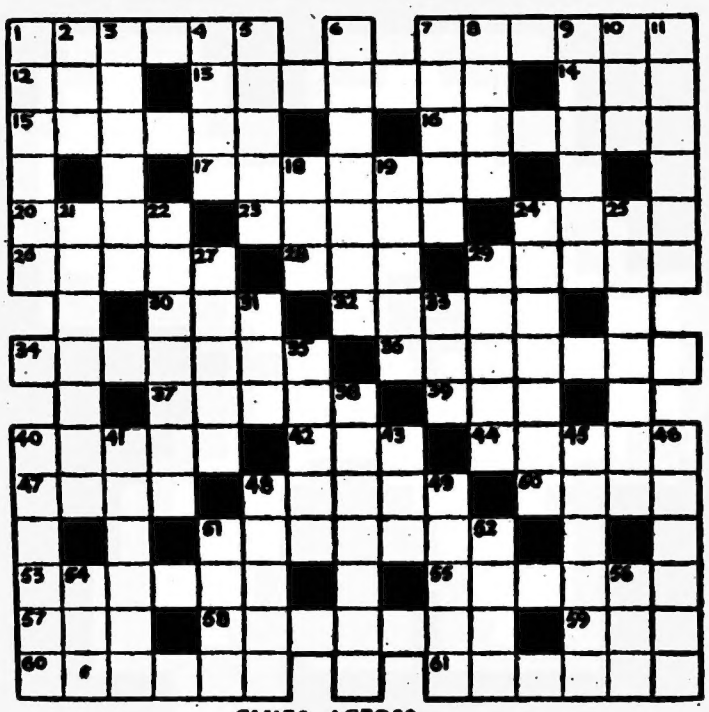

CLUES ACROSS

1. A reddish yellow.
7. To extend
12. To knight with a sword.
13. One more.
14. Before.
15. Lover of one's self.
16. Jacob.
17. To interchange.
20. Fine particles of stone.
23. Answer.
24. Ban.
26. To examine accounts.
28. Fussed animal.
29. A tendon.
30. Observe.
32. To draw off.
34. Weird.
36. That which remains unpaid.
37. Commence.
39. Small barrel.
40. Blemish.
42. Small point.
44. Fortified Belgian city.
47. Otherwise.
48. Waxed.
50. Character.
51. Armed conflict.
53. A shrew.
55. Bivalve shell-fish.
57. Untruth.
58. Part of a ship's rope ladder.
59. Beverage.
60. Roving.
61. Spirit.

CLUES DOWN

1. Black Sea port.
2. Floor covering.
3. In great plenty.
4. To pant.
5. Go in.
6. Imprinted.
7. A divinity.
8. Gaelic.
9. Barm.
10. Crude mineral.
11. A pale colour.
18. Corded material.
19. Extreme.
21. Southern.
22. To incapacitate.
24. A condiment.
25. Weeping.
27. Principle.
29. A sea-nymph.
31. To instigate.
33. Large floating vessel.
35. Species of sea-duck.
38. An English county.
40. Good trim.
41. A Shylock.
43. Beverage.
45. Cement.
46. Sorrow.
48. Four grains.
49. An idler.
51. To caution.
52. Organs of vision.
54. Atmosphere.
56. Biblical character.

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1 lb. Bath Salts	1	6
Headigan Perfume.		
1 Packet Ammonia Washing Powder		3½
1 Polishing Powder		5
3 Tablets Toilet		10½
	7	7

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The moment you inhale Potter's Asthma Cure that maddening cough stops, your breathing becomes easy, your days are comfortable and you enjoy restful nights. The relief is immediate and extraordinary. Potter's Asthma Cure is entirely free from opiates and does not cause headache. *It is wonderful for the Bronchitis of Children.* Of all chemists 1/6 or post free 1/9 from Potter & Clarke, Ltd., 60, Artillery Lane, London, E.1.

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NOVEL NEW OFFER
100 'BULLETS' GIFTS THIS WEEK
FIRST PRIZE
2nd Prize £100
£250
3rd Prize £50
CHOOSE YOUR PRIZE
and 100 Valuable 'Bullets' Gifts
Portable Gramophones, Canteens of Cutlery, 45/- Cameras, 45/- Auto-strop Shaving Sets, Real Crocodile Handbags, Expanding Suit cases, Electro-plated Tea sets, Ladies' Gold Wrist Watches, 50/- Waterbury Watches, Wireless sets, and many other valuable Prizes
WHICH WOULD YOU LIKE
WIN YOURS THIS WEEK!

New "Bullets" Prizes!

HITHERTO, the objection to prizes in kind has been that a lady competitor might win a trousers-press, or a bachelor competitor a manicure set! However, under the new *Bullets* Gift Scheme launched this week, each winner will choose his or her own prize from a varied range of valuable gifts.

Whatever your tastes, there is something you want amongst these splendid prizes. There are portable gramophones, 45s. folding cameras, inlaid mahogany clocks, Gecophone wireless sets, expanding suit cases, canteens of cutlery, 45s. Auto-Strop Razor Sets, cases of pipes, ladies' gold wrist-watches, aneroid barometers, smokers' cabinets, cases of fish knives, 42s. gold-plated Gillette Shaving sets, electro-plated tea sets, ladies' work-boxes, real crocodile handbags, gentlemen's 45s. Ingersoll wrist-watches, ladies' toilet-sets of tortoiseshell pattern, silver cigarette cases, 40s. Waterman fountain pens and pencils, manicure sets and 50s. Waterbury dress watches. There are also Tan-Sad cycles and large dolls' prams for competitors with children.

This week, in addition to the usual lengthy £250 prize-list, 100 competitors will qualify to choose a *Bullets* Gift. Enter now and be in at the birth of the new *Bullets* prizes!

☛ We are arranging for a selection of "Bullets" Gifts to be displayed at the "John Bull" Pen Depot, Cannon Street Station Approach, London.

RESULT OF "BULLETS" No. 625

FIRST PRIZE OF £250:
Mr. E. F. WILLIAMS, Greenfield Terrace, Fredsham.
Example:—WIRELESS PROGRAMMES
Bullet:—*World* TO THE *Blind*.
(Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)

SECOND PRIZE OF £100:
Mr. S. W. WATTS, 282, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford.
Example:—WRONG WAY
Bullet:—ABOUT—ARMAMENTS REDUCING NATIONS.

THIRD PRIZE OF £50:
Mr. H. E. BOLTON, 19, Cowbridge Street, Cardiff.
Example:—A GOOD BOY
Bullet:—RENOUNCES DEVIL—AND *Works*.

FOURTH PRIZE OF £25:
Mr. E. HAY, 48, India Street, Edinburgh.
Example:—UNDER BOLSHEVISM
Bullet:—WE WOULD "DIE SOONER."

FIFTH PRIZE OF £10:
Mr. R. F. BARKER, 91, Settle Park Road, Halifax.
Example:—FOR THE CHILDREN
Bullet:—THE PARENTS "PUT ASIDE."

10 Prizes of £5 each:
P. J. ATKINS, 43, Hitcham Road, Lea Bridge Road, E.
UNDER BOLSHEVISM—NOTHING IMPERIAL, EVERYTHING IMPERILED.
BALLANTYNE, 269, Bernard St., Bridgeton, Glasgow.
FOR THE CHILDREN—MOTHER *Foregoes* WITHOUT SAYING.
J. BAYLIS, 42, William Street, Swindon, Wilts.
WIRELESS PROGRAMME—LISTENERS WANT "LOOK IN."
D. J. DEVLIN, Beechwood Lodge, Whitehall Road, Lightcliffe.
UNDER BOLSHEVISM—INITIATIVE DESTROYED—DESTRUCTION INITIATED.

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LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 627.

MY INCOME TAX
DOING IT NOW
BAD START
THE BOSS'S PROBLEM
WORDS OF WISDOM
LIKE MUSSOLINI
THE REFEREE
IF I WERE WORKING
SECRET OF HEALTH
HEARD IN CHURCH
FORBIDDING
PLUMBER'S MATE
WHO IS MRS. GRUNDY?
SAID TO HIS SWEETHEART
PILLAR OF SOCIETY
COLDLY
PURE FOOD
WHAT THE MONKEY SAID
IN DEBT
SWEET NOTHINGS
"GOOD-NIGHT!"
STRANGE BUT TRUE
CUPID'S WORK
SUITS HER
WHAT HE'S WORTH
THIRSTY
MISSING WIFE
LAUGHING LAST
AWKWARD
SHOWS SHE'S ANNOYED
FOOLING
WHAT IS A FAILURE?

"BULLETS" RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness, and originality.

2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon, and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL, and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

3. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

4. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Employees of Odhams Press are not eligible to compete.

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS"

THERE is nothing difficult about *Bullets*. All you have to do is this. Select any of the *Examples* below—then give any TWO, THREE, or FOUR words with some bearing upon it. Thus a recent winner who selected the *Example*—MODEL EMPLOYER, added the *Bullet*—FOR DISCONTENTED WIFE, BABY, and secured £50 for those few words. Three recent First Prize-winners were:—

Example:—HOUSE WE WANT — *Bullet:*—AND "GOOD SITUATION" TOO.
Example:—1927 — *Bullet:*—"NEW"—LET'S KEEP "BRIGHT."
Example:—SECRET OF SUCCESS — *Bullet:*—DON'T ASK—DO TASK.

ENCLOSE A POSTAL ORDER AT THE RATE OF 6D. FOR EACH COUPON USED.

☛ **Address Coupons to "Bullets" No. 627, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.)**

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, Feb. 10.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(627) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, Feb. 10.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(627) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 2 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s.
Signed _____
Address _____

"Bullets" must consist of Two, Three or Four Words.

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, Feb. 10.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(627) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 3 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, Feb. 10.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(627) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 4 Coupons, send P.O. for 2s.
Signed _____
Address _____

☛ If you wish to send in further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper.

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 626.

CHINESE PUZZLE—HOW WE LIVE—SOLDIER'S WIFE—MAKING FOR HOME—THE WORKERS—FATHER AND SON—MOTHER'S HOPEFUL—SAID TO THE MAGISTRATE—FATAL—GROWING WHISKERS—WHAT HE PROMISED—DREAM THAT CAME TRUE—WITHOUT WIRELESS—BORING—HEARD ON THE CONTINENT—WRONG HOUSE—NO PLACE FOR HER—WORTH KNOWING—NOT STRONG ENOUGH—WHAT IS GOLF?

The original Cheque for £250 awarded to the First Prize-winner in "Bullets" No. 624 can now be seen in the window of Mr. E. Conway, 11, Victoria Avenue, Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

List of 200 "Bullets" Hamper Winners in Competition No. 625 will be published in next week's "Competitor's Journal." Complete List of all Cash and other Prize-winners can be seen at these Offices.

Yeast is life!

Irving's YEAST-VITE *Tablets.*

Rich in Vitamin (B).

A Lightning Pick-me-up.

IRVING'S *Yeast-Vite* TABLETS will relieve

Headache, Neuralgia, etc., in 5 minutes.
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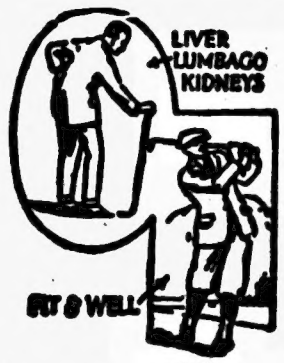

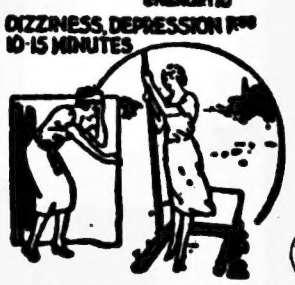

The greatest medical discovery of the century! Pure Yeast and Vitamins—No harmful drugs. The gentle fermentation of Yeast-Vite when in contact with the gastric juices of the stomach causes a stimulating, buoyant feeling of extreme vigour. Take a tablet or two and feel fresh and frisky in a few minutes.

OUR GUARANTEE Obtain a 1/3 bottle from your Chemist. If your health does not improve perceptibly post us the empty bottle and we will refund your money immediately.

£100 Cash will be paid to anyone proving that the following extracts from unsolicited testimonials are not genuine. We have received nearly 45,000 letters from satisfied users in less than three years which are open to inspection.

28915—E. W. H., Charterhouse: I have pleasure in testifying to the efficacy of Yeast-Vite Tablets in cases of great depression, anxiety or worry. Without a doubt, they are wonderful pick-me-ups.

28901—H. H. S., of Canton: Kindly mail me via Siberia two bottles of Irving's "Yeast-Vite" (containing 700 Tablets in each). I have found them very beneficial for my complaint—neuritis.

28910—Nurse G. C., Chiswick: I feel I must write and tell you how very much better in health I have been since I started taking your wonderful "Yeast-Vite" Tablets. I have been in a poor state of health for some considerable time, and have tried quite a number of different tonics, but have not yet found anything to equal "Yeast-Vite."

28906—E. W., Shepherd's Bush: I feel that I should write and tell you that I have derived great benefit from "Yeast-Vite," and after taking it for about two days felt different altogether. For some time past I have been feeling very run-down, could not sleep and was a bag of nerves, and could not cheer myself up. Now I feel quite fit and bright and have gained 4lbs. in one week. I work in a large Government Office, and have recommended them to numerous members of the staff, and they also say that they feel very satisfactory results. Wishing you every success with your undertaking.

28916—A. P. R., East Ham: I feel I must write to express my gratitude for the beneficial treatment I have received through your "Yeast-Vite" Tablets. To be perfectly frank, I did not anticipate such a rapid change in my condition, in such a short space of time, namely, a week. I have suffered from nervousness for a considerable period, during which I have tried practically every kind of Patent Medicines with very little or no benefit.

28917—L. H. R., Birmingham: Just a line to thank you for the wonderful recovery I have made, through taking one bottle of "Yeast-Vite" Tablets. For a considerable time I have suffered from Indigestion and Flatulence with very acute pain. Several remedies have I tried, but to no avail.

28918—Nurse L. B., Bowes Park: I have been suffering from Flatulence for some time, but cannot find anything to relieve me—as well as your Tablets—they seem to put me right almost at once.

28919—Miss A. B.: This with great pleasure that I write to inform you of the benefit I have received through using your "Yeast-Vite" Tablets. I have been using them for about two months now and have had wonderful results.

28920—E. C., Maidenhead: I am writing to tell you how beneficial I have proved "Yeast-Vite" Tablets to be. I was thoroughly run-down and my nerves were a perfect wreck, but after taking a bottle of "Yeast-Vite" I felt myself again. I shall recommend them wherever I can.

Caution. Beware of imitations! See the name 'Irving's Yeast-Vite' on every carton and bottle, and sealed with Government stamp. Refuse fraudulent substitutes, which are worthless!

Send postcard for free treatise on Anæmia, Nerves, Skin Blemishes, Constipation, Colds, Insomnia, Rheumatism, Pains, etc

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Bald Men Grow Hair

Amazing Hair Growth on Bald Heads After Using Kotalko the Genuine Hair-Grower. Not a Medicine. Rub on the Scalp where New Hair is Desired.

Mr. P. Tucker, from a photograph.

Was Quite Bald

Torrington, N. Devon.

After trying different treatments without result, I was very disappointed, and thought I should be bald all my life, or else have to wear a wig.

Then I read about Kotalko, and decided to give it a trial. Please note in photo that I was quite bald and my head was as shiny as could be when I started using your compound.

After I had used about two tins I found I had got hair coming all over my head. I continued to use it, and now I have got a good head of hair again, as shown in the photograph.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) P. Tucker.

Full Growth of Hair

Dublin.

When I began using Kotalko I was bald. At the sides over the ears, and at the back, there was some hair, but on the whole of the crown of my head, from the forehead backwards, there was no hair at all.

I used Kotalko on the scalp until I noticed signs of a slight down on parts of the head. Then I knew the roots were not dead after all, so I went on using Kotalko, and gradually the down changed into real hair which kept on growing, until at last the whole of my head was covered with a full growth of hair in the natural colour just as it used to be.

Everyone who knows me has been surprised at seeing the hair growing again, and several of my friends have already ordered Kotalko, and are highly satisfied with it.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) Thomas Hayes.

Mr. Thomas Hayes, from a photograph.

A multitude of others, men and women, have used the wonderful compound—Kotalko, with astonishing and delightful benefit in removing scurf, stopping the falling out of hair, and in encouraging a new growth. This has been done in many cases where the baldness existed for years, and where many other hair lotions, tonics, embrocations, foods, and other concoctions failed.

100,000 TESTING BOXES

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TRUE HAIR GROWER

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SEND OR COPY THIS COUPON

Please send me, post paid, Testing Box of KOTALKO with directions, for which I enclose 3d. in stamps.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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All Sufferers from

Bad Legs & Abscesses

Can be positively cured by using GRASSHOPPER OINTMENT, the great English remedy with 60 years' reputation.

Two Wonderful Testimonials:—

Clifford Villa, 515, Foxhall Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.
16th January, 1927.

Dear Sir,

I thought several times I should like to thank your firm for your splendid GRASSHOPPER OINTMENT, *but have not done so until now.*

Some years ago, I joined H.M.S. in the Navy. I hurt my back through a fall on deck, and after a time three abscesses formed, and I was sent to Plymouth R.N. Hospital, and laid there for nine months, was discharged as incurable, supposed to have diseased backbone, and only an operation would save my life. So the doctors said. However, I did not undergo the operation, and came out and went into Ipswich Hospital, and was turned out from there incurable. The last resource I tried GRASSHOPPER OINTMENT, *which completely cured me, and I might say I have been the means of selling you a great many boxes since, which have never failed to cure.*

Accept my heartiest thanks. Wishing your firm the best of luck.

I remain, yours, gratefully, HERBERT COLE.

P.S.—If you choose to put this testimonial to any use, you are at liberty to do so.

Mrs. E. GARVEY, 11b, St. John Street, Wells, Somerset:

Having been a cripple for the past 8 years with large deep various ulcers just above the ankle bone, I could not get any rest night or day. After applying the first dressing of GRASSHOPPER OINTMENT, *I found it began to draw the inflammation from the wound, and after having used four boxes my leg was quite healed. I am now able to walk about as any other person.*

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